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'Pay to queue jump' plan for NHS patients

Health managers push for express service

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Health service managers are urging the Prime Minister to introduce an "express stream" within the NHS so that people can pay to jump waiting lists.

The scheme would apply to non-urgent operations and would mean that people could bypass lengthy queues but be still treated in the NHS.

The Institute of Health Services Management emphasized yesterday that the "market for queue jumping" would only work where the NHS had spare capacity or where new facilities were provided.

"We would not set up the system if it meant that the 'express' service operated at the expense of other NHS patients," Miss Barbara Young, president of the institute, said.

The fee would be substantially less than the cost of a private operation but could be as much as several hundred pounds. Health insurance could be tailored to cover the costs.

The proposal has been backed by members of the institute's working party on alternative health care funding and is expected to be contained in a final report to be submitted to the Prime Minister's review of the NHS, early next month.

The report will also support charges for non clinical care, such as luxury hotel services, and more income generation schemes such as shopping precincts in hospitals.

Radical plans to streamline nurse education to avoid a critical nursing shortage will be announced by Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, at the Royal College of Nursing congress in Brighton on Monday (Jill Sherman writes). He is expected to approve a structure put forward two years ago by the UK Central Council for Nursing and Midwifery. In return, it may have to agree to lower entrance qualifications.

Most NHS organizations have until now urged Mrs Margaret Thatcher to adopt a cautious approach to changing the NHS. The more radical ideas have emanated from right-wing think tanks.

Any submission from the country's top 100 managers, however, is likely to to be considered, particularly if the ideas are sympathetic to those of Mrs Thatcher.

"A lot of people are prepared to put their hands in their pockets for a one off event", Miss Young, who is also general manager of Parkside health authority, said.

At present, private hospitals charge about £1,000 for a hernia operation, £900 for a tonsilectomy, £2,000 for a hysterectomy and about £2,500 for a hip operation.

Miss Young said that detailed costings had not been worked out yet, but the NHS would be likely to charge much lower fees covering marginal costs only. She said that many hospitals, particularly in London, had spare beds which they could not afford to use.

If profits could be guaranteed from a number of patients using an "express stream" services, closed beds could be opened for other NHS patients. Additional profits could be put into providing new facilities for mixed private/NHS care.

It is illegal for health authorities to make a profit at the moment but it will be permitted under the Health and Medicines Bill now going through Parliament.

Outlining the main conclusions of the institute's report at a conference in London yesterday, Professor Tony Culyer, a member of the working party, and professor of economics at York University, said that it had opted for "conservative" funding mechanisms and a more radical change in provision.

The report will support big management changes in the NHS aimed at separating delivery from funding. The working party has opted for the introduction of a "provider" market where NHS hospitals can trade services with each other and the private sector.

This would lead to the introduction of separate "provider" organizations, probably combined health authorities and family practitioner committees which would buy in services from both the NHS and the private sector. Hospitals would also be able to volunteer for management buy outs.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, is understood to strongly support this idea, which has already been put forward by the Centre for Policy Studies, the Conservative think tank.

The working party rejected new funding mechanisms such as private health insurance, social insurance and an earmarked tax. Instead, it suggested retaining an NHS funded largely by taxation with top ups.

Professor Culyer said that insurance-based systems and opting out arrangements had been rejected on the grounds that they would lead to a two tier system, and to adverse selection, where insurance companies would attract those least at risk.

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Tesco plea to save Rowntree

Tesco, the retail chain, has written to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry urging that Rowntree, the target of a hostile £2.1 billion bid from Nestlé, should remain independent.

In a letter to Lord Young of Graffham, Mr Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, said: "I fear that if a bid is allowed to go through, then the great British public could well suffer." ....Page 25

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Queen delights in a city's tribute

The Queen receiving bouquets from the children of Peterborough yesterday where she and the Duke of Edinburgh joined 1,000 worshippers at a service celebrating the 750th anniversary of the city's cathedral. The Queen also opened the new £20 million Edith Cavell Hospital and the £100 million Lynch Wood Business Park. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Botham's career may be at an end

By Our Sports Staff

There is speculation that the cricket career of Ian Botham, the England all-rounder, may be over following the announcement yesterday that he is to undergo an operation next week to correct a spinal disorder. It is almost certain he will not play again this season.

The injury, which has troubled him spasmodically since 1981, was exacerbated on Thursday when he was fielding for Worcestershire against Somerset. He left the field in pain and thought initially he had sciatica but within half an hour of sitting down was totally immobilized.

The operation will involve the fusion of two vertebrae but Botham has been told by the surgeon who will carry out the operation that he will be able to play first-class cricket again.

Botham, aged 32, said yesterday before leaving the Worcester ground: "I expect to be in hospital for two to four weeks and there's probably no chance of me playing again this season. But I feel confident I can bounce back next year."

The possibility that Botham's career may be at an end was never far from conversation as the England players practised for today's one-day international against West Indies at Headingley.

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Kinnock derides rates policy as inflation rises

By David Smith and Sheila Gunn

Britain's inflation rate increased to 3.9 per cent last month, the highest since November, amid signs that price increases are beginning to accelerate.

The rate, up from 3.5 per cent in March, is among the highest in the EEC and identical to that of the United States. American figures published yesterday also showed an inflation rate of 3.9 per cent.

Last month's increase in inflation was partly due to the Budget changes in excise duties, as well as higher rates, rents, water and prescription charges.

But as inflation rose, funds poured into Britain's building society coffers at a record rate.

Net receipts in April stood at £1.576 million, the fifth month out of six in which they have topped the £1 billion mark.

The societies said rising incomes have meant people have plenty of spare cash, but unease over the health of the stock market and the lack of attractive privatization issues meant a return to the safe haven the societies provide.

Societies have also benefited from the property boom, increasing mortgage lending by more than 40 per cent on a year ago and winning a bigger share of the market from banks and specialist lenders.

House prices also rose with the savings. In the previously low-priced area, the East Midlands, new Wimpey houses are going up by £767 a day. The housebuilding group has bumped up the price of new luxury homes in the West Bridgford suburb of Nottingham by £23,000 in just four weeks.

They are selling for £135,000 four-bedroom detached houses which were on the market for £112,000.

On the political front, the argument over interest rate policy continued. Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, accused the Prime Minister and Mr Nigel Lawson yesterday of creating a speculators' paradise through their policy.

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In spite of the recent fall, he said interest rates in Britain were still higher than in France and double the German rate.

Mr Kinnock described it as a "loadsamoney economy" which focused on consuming instead of investing.

"It's fun while it lasts, but only while it lasts — and only for those who are not losers".

Speaking to the Welsh Labour Party's annual conference in Tenby, Mr Kinnock attempted to capitalize on the dispute between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Chancellor of the Exchequer over exchange rate policy, detailing their various reactions to the rising pound.

However Mr Tony Benn, his challenger for the Labour leadership, mocked Mr Kinnock's performance in Parliament at a Campaign Group fringe meeting.

Mr Benn said: "If the Labour Party is to win the clear majority it needs in the next Parliament it has got to be a lot clearer about the sort of society we want to build."

Mr Kinnock focused on the Government's creation of a "loadsamoney economy". "The money has come here, but it is not here for the industry.

"They are only here for the interest rates - they are only here for the money."

He added: "We have got the loadsamoney economy. And behind it comes loadsatrouble because it forces up the pound,it puts up our export prices, it puts up our industrial costs, it cuts the prices of importers."

He said in the "loadsamoney economy" resilient recovery, bigger market shares, continually expanding production would not be happen.

But the the pound held firm against the mark yesterday, closing just above the DM3.17, while shares were quiet. The FT-SE 100 index edged up by 9.6 points to 1,770.2.

US shift revives hopes of treaty

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Hopes that agreement to cut American and Soviet strategic arsenals by half could still be achieved before President Reagan leaves office were raised yesterday when Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, confirmed that a solution to one of the main obstacles was in sight.

The US originally insisted that the proposed Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start) should ban mobile intercontinental missiles. A ban would save the US the expense of producing its equivalent of Moscow's 10-warhead SS 24 missiles, which are launched from railway wagons.

But Moscow refused, and the issue became one of the three biggest obstacles to the goal declared last December that the treaty should be signed by President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov at their summit in Moscow beginning tomorrow week.

Washington has now shifted its ground with a decision that, if it cannot ban mobile ICBMs, it will consider building its own. The first step in that direction was taken on Thursday when Mr Frank Carlucci, the US Defence Secretary, revived earlier plans to have the MX intercontinental missile deployed on railway wagons.

Washington — Mr Paul Nitze, President Reagan's senior arms control adviser, said yesterday that there was now a "change of emphasis" in negotiations on land-based, mobile long-range missiles, with attention being focused on verification (Christopher Thomas writes). He added that some progress had been made but "much more is necessary".

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Instead of its earlier argument that the mobile missiles are the most dangerous strategic weapons of all, Washington is now saying that they can contribute to strategic stability by making it difficult for either side to knock out the other's main weapons in a first-strike attack.

But the mobility of these weapons could undermine a Start agreement by making it hard for either side to know how many the other has.

However, Mr Shultz said that US and Soviet negotiators in Geneva had made progress on a method of counting them. "If we can find a satisfactory way of verifying (the numbers) ... then our attitude to mobiles would be different," he said.

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Irish judge changes his mind

McVeigh extradition hitch

By Paul Vallely

The first hearing using the new extradition procedures between Britain and Ireland ended in confusion in an Irish district court yesterday when the judge issued an extradition order for a suspected IRA terrorist and then withdrew it.

Patrick McVeigh, who is wanted by Scotland Yard in connection with bombings at Chelsea barracks and in Oxford Street in which three people died, at first denounced the proceedings at Portlaoise District Court as unconstitutional. He refused to make any application to the judge, Justice Seamus Mahon.

But after a 70-minute adjournment to allow the order to be prepared for signature, Justice Mahon prevailed upon McVeigh to change his mind and accept an adjournment for one week.

McVeigh was clearly surprised by the judge's insistence. He said to the judge: "I thought you had (already) ordered my extradition".

Justice Mahon replied: "Until I leave this court I can change my mind 50 times, and so can you".

The proceedings had been confused from the outset. McVeigh, handcuffed to a police officer, rose to address the judge from a prepared statement which said: "I do not concede the constitutionality of these proceedings against me in any respect whatsoever".

The judge then advised McVeigh that he should be legally represented and granted him legal aid, even though this not obligatory in extradition cases.

McVeigh declined the offer and refused to apply for an adjournment.

But when the judge asked the prosecution to proceed Mr Reginald White, the Irish State Solicitor, was clearly caught unprepared. He said that he did not have the necessary witnesses available.

After a short adjournment Mr White told the court he had decided to make the application without witnesses.

The judge told McVeigh that he had 15 days to lodge an appeal otherwise he would be extradited from Baldonnel military airport.

He pressed McVeigh to change his mind, accept legal aid and an adjournment.

"If you get legal aid it doesn't amount to recognition of the court. You have reservations on that and you are perfectly entitled to them", the judge said. At this point, he added, McVeigh was "an innocent man".

McVeigh agreed to accept this and left the tiny rural courtroom waving to a crowd of supporters who chanted "no extradition".

SLD bids to end Ashdown attack

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Leading Social and Liberal Democrats yesterday strove to prevent their party's leadership election degenerating into a personal slanging match.

Mr David Steel, the current joint leader, and Mrs Shirley Williams and Mr Adrian Slade, the joint presidents, publicly condemned a 10-point document being surreptitiously circulated by parliamentary supporters of Mr Alan Beith, which seeks to denigrate Mr Paddy Ashdown on both personal and political grounds.

But even as they did so, Mr Alex Carlisle, the party's home affairs spokesman and a prominent Beith supporter, defended the document.

Denying it contained personal attacks, he said it raised "a number of serious and legitimate issues which need to be canvassed during the leadership campaign", and added: "Broadly speaking in the way it contrasts Paddy Ashdown and Alan Beith I agree with it".

He refused to say whether he was responsible for the document, but claimed that it had turned "what appeared to be a procession into an election, to the extent that it will have concentrated the electorate on more than just the charismatic issue".

Mr Beith's campaign managers vigorously denied responsibility.

The document claims that Mr Ashdown would not command the confidence of his parliamentary colleagues. It says that unlike Mr Beith, who represented the Liberal tradition, it was not certain what Mr Ashdown stood for. It suggests that there is little "substance" behind Mr Ashdown's charisma, and is scath-

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Japanese golfers set their sights on rural idyll

By Boris Johnson

It is not just the imminent arrival of the developer's bulldozer which is terrorizing the inhabitants of the ancient Green Belt village of Denham.

It is the expected tinkling of their parlour windows as they are shattered by the wristy flicks of Japanese golfers that has caused the village to rise up as one and cry halt to a scheme that looks set to be approved by the council.

Almost everyone in Britain is unwittingly familiar with Denham, an Anglo-Saxon village in Buckinghamshire of such sheer pleasantness that it is often chosen by television producers to represent the epitome of English life. Its recent credits include an American detective series, *Crazy like a Fox*, and the *Miss Marple* dramatizations of Agatha Christie stories.

But it was not until recently that most residents, including the veteran actor Sir John Mills, realized their idyll was under threat. Buckinghamshire County Council is on the verge of accepting a proposal by the Kajima Corporation, one of Japan's foremost civil engineering contractors, to develop 300 acres of nearby farmland as a golf course.

The site is called Denham Court and includes a grade 2 listed building dating mainly from the eighteenth century, but with mediaeval parts. The plan is to construct a "Japanese-style" clubhouse inside the building.

According to Kajima's agents, the private course is "primarily to serve the growing Japanese community in Britain. That is not to say that "Anglos" cannot have access to the course on weekday evenings provided they pay a green fee."

Japanese executives and their families in this country are said to be becoming increasingly frustrated by the lengthy and difficult process of becoming a member of a British club, which involves being proposed, interviewed, and finally played in by the team captain. The problem is increased because many Japanese stay in this country for short periods only.

Sir John, who first came to the village with his wife Mary in 1942, is leading the residents of Denham in vehement opposition to the scheme. "I hate to lose the farm land. I am against this scheme because we do not need another golf course.

Denham has only about 500 inhabitants, but more than 2,000 people have signed a petition to stop the land being sold to Kajima. "Our children will no longer be able to play in the park, and it will cause terrible traffic problems. It will ruin the village", Mrs Denise Jacobs said.

A spokesman for Kajima said: "As far as we are concerned the plan has been agreed subject to contract".

He added that 75 acres of the site are due to be leased back for public use, including a public bridleway, and said that the construction would improve the village because it involved the planting of 6,000 trees and would raise house prices.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Helicopter used to catch drug suspect

A suspected drug smuggler trying to escape a police raid was picked out by the floodlights of a helicopter. He was arrested at the end of a six-month surveillance operation by undercover officers in the Cotswolds.

Last night four men were being questioned by police after £250,000 of cannabis resin thought to have been smuggled into Britain was seized during a late night raid on a house in Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. A woman was arrested yesterday in connection with the drugs seizure.

Twenty officers of the regional crime squad swooped on the house on Wednesday. The helicopter from the Midlands Air Support Unit was called in to help the operation launched by Warwickshire, West Mercia, West Midlands and Gloucestershire police. Four men and a woman, all from the Midlands, are expected to appear in court at Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, today.

Women's parity talks

Union leaders will meet 233 women sewing machinists this morning to give them details of negotiations about their grading, which could lead to their ending a strike at Vauxhall car plant at Luton, Bedfordshire.

The women, who make seat covers and other soft trim, stopped work earlier this week after demanding parity with skilled and semi-skilled workers, who earn about £11.40 a week more. Vauxhall said the women's grade was not mentioned in pay talks two months ago. It is feared that up to 8,000 workers may be laid off if the dispute persists.

Child for ski widow

Mrs Sarah Lindsay, the widow of Major Hugh Lindsay, who was killed as he skiied with the Prince of Wales in Switzerland in March, gave birth to an 8lb 2oz girl on Saturday, a month early. The birth was kept secret. Mrs Lindsay, aged 34, was expected home yesterday. Her father Mr Brian Brennan, said that both mother and daughter were "fit and well". She had not yet decided on a name. Major Lindsay was killed when the royal party was hit by an avalanche.

Bus vandal sentenced

A graffiti vandal who caused more than £90,000 damage to buses was yesterday sentenced to six months' youth custody at Warwick Crown Court. Mr James Orrell, for the prosecution, said that Simon Bremman, aged 17, of South Yardley, Birmingham, had vandalized at least 200 buses by spraying or writing his nicknames on them.

Tunnel strike threat

The CGT, the French Communist-led trade union, is threatening a strike which could hold up work on the French end of the Channel tunnel, because of the use of American and Japanese-made tunnelling equipment. Transmanche Link, the contracting firm, says that two boring machines to which the union is objecting were 27 per cent cheaper than anything offered by French companies.

Kasparov keeps lead

Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, consolidated his leading position in the sixth round of the European Options Exchange tournament in Amsterdam by drawing against Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster. Kasparov, playing black, faced a long, uphill defence, but finally secured equal chances and achieved a draw after 45 moves. At the half way stage, Kasparov has four points from a possible six, half a point ahead of his chief rival, Anatoly Karpov, who beat John van der Wiel (The Netherlands) in 39 moves.

'Commerce or standards' poser by ITV chief

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The Government was urged by an ITV chief last night to decide whether it was more interested in the economics or the standards of television as Britain prepares for the broadcasting revolution.

Mr Richard Dunn, managing director of Thames Television, made the plea as he highlighted the clash of philosophical ideals facing Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her Cabinet colleagues.

He asked: "Is the free market instinct of the Conservative Party or the paternalistic tradition of the Conservative party to prevail?

"If it is to be market forces, then surely there must be freedom of choice within the law and the public must be free to choose to watch soft of quasi-legal pornography, tub-thumping religion, or political bias of a type that would not be permitted by the BBC or Independent Broadcasting Authority.

"If, on the other hand, the preservation of standards in the public interest is the paramount concern, then it would be wise to strengthen rather than weaken the powers of our rapidly proliferating regulatory bodies."

Mr Dunn, who is due to take over the chairmanship of the ITV Association later this year, said while there were no easy answers, it would help if the broadcasting White Paper, now planned for November, stated clearly which way the Government intended to go.

The government policy blueprint should consider marrying a vision of the future of broadcasting with a vision of the future of telecommunications.

Ability and commitment to produce quality programming must be the prime criterion in awarding ITV franchises, even if a financial element was added to the tendering system.

"Above all, do not introduce a system so driven by finance that franchises will overbid and then be obsessed by the need to get their money back. No quality control system in the world can resist the drive to get out of the red."

More competition in broadcasting would not necessarily mean more choice and would almost certainly lower standards. New competition should be phased in to safeguard standards.

Channel 4 should be given the choice of selling off advertising airtime, and not be forced to. The impact of such new satellite services as British Satellite Broadcasting and the Luxembourg-based Astra should be assessed before introducing any more "terrestial," or ground-based, TV stations.

Independent producers should be encouraged but not "to the point of destruction of the wonderfully talented production bases we have in British television".

Mr Dunn insisted the Independent Broadcasting Authority was the best guarantor of quality and regionalism in commericial television.

● Mr George Russell, confirmed yesterday as the first chairman of Independent Television News from outside the television industry, has ruled out the immediate prospect of outside investors for the news organization.

He said in London: "It would be premature before 1992, when the whole franchise system is up in the air. It can only be considered when every one of us is convinced that ITN is a profit centre.

"It would be difficult to ask people to put their money into a business that has only two years in its current shape."

Mr Russell said, however, that the ITN board would consider appointing non-executive directors from outside.

Mr Russell said he would not be giving up his main job as chief executive of Marley nor his vice-chairmanship of Channel 4. He will be the first paid chairman of ITN which in the past has been headed by ITV executives.

The job became vacant when Mr Paul Fox, managing director of Yorkshire Television, left to join the BBC as managing director of network television earlier this year.

Yesterday he told the commercial television companies that appointed him that he would now promote the interests of ITN as an independent company.

College trust changes tack in hunt for sponsorship

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

The independent trust in charge of setting up city technology colleges is changing its approach to industrial sponsorship.

Two industry-sponsored colleges are firmly on course although the one in Nottingham has received £9.05 million of government funds.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said yesterday that the Government's share of capital costs for the Nottingham and Solihull schools amounts to 85 per cent of the total.

One sponsor, the electrical goods retail chain Dixons, yesterday announced that it was giving up its search for a site in South Yorkshire because of the refusal of Labour-controlled councils to make a school site available for the project.

The company subsequently said that a site may be secured in the Middlesbrough area but sites have yet to be found for two more schools to be sponsored by Sir Philip Harris, chairman of Harris Queensway, and by the Mercers and Thamesmead Town.

The Department of Education and Science said that instead of seeking large individual sponsors for schools, the CTC Trust is changing its tack and searching for consortia of firms to support the colleges.

The consortia would probably be made up of local firms who would have scope for using the colleges as "nurseries" for future employees.

The change of tack amounts to an admission by the trust that its attempts to find sponsors for the colleges have not been wholly successful. Mr Cyril Taylor, director of the Trust, maintains that 12 more sites and sponsors are in the pipeline.

In Lewisham, south London, a governors' meeting of the two Haberdashers' Aske's boys and girls schools in Hatcham was expected last night to turn down a proposal to turn the schools into city technology colleges.

Some staff were in favour of the scheme but the Inner London Education Authority this week moved quickly to fill a two-year vacancy on the governing body with a Labour Ilea member, thus achieving a majority in the governors' meeting against the CTC plan.

Mr Roger Bonner, a teacher governor, said before the meeting: "We now fear that we will lose our sixth forms. Becoming a CTC was worth examining because it could be one way of making sure that the schools remained 11-18 instead of being subsumed into a tertiary system by Ilea."

● Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday announced the people who will oversee the introduction of the National Curriculum in schools and assess its impact.

As the Education Reform Bill, which implements the new curriculum plans is still going through Parliament, Mr Baker has had to make the appointments "in shadow".

Chairman of the Shadow National Curriculum Council will be Mr Duncan Graham, currently Chief Executive of Humberside County Council, who was a leading advocate of teacher appraisal when he was Suffolk's education chief.

Professor Paul Black of King's College, London, who carried out an inquiry into educational reforms is also on the shadow council.

The Chairman of the School Examinations Assessment Council will be Mr Philip Halsey, a former deputy secretary at the education department, who retired earlier this month.

Announcing the appointments in a Commons written reply, Mr Baker said the creation of the shadow councils would enable the bodies to begin planning for the introduction of the National Curriculum in schools in England and Wales before the Bill becomes law later this year.

The Government hopes that most schools will be fully operating the new curriculum by the mid 1990s.

Seeing the fight against cancer

Nigel Hawthorne, the actor, who is patron of Westminster Hospital's melanoma research fund appeal, with Dr Andrew Photiou (left) examining a histological slide of human skin showing malignant melanoma, a form of cancer growing at a rate second only to lung cancer because, it is suspected, of increased exposure to sunlight. Westminster Hospital is in the forefront of drug and chemotherapy treatment of the disease and is appealing for £300,000 to establish a laboratory of tissue culture and cellular chemotherapy at the hospital (Photograph: Denizil McNeelance).

Race course saga

Clash on using surplus land

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Government attempts to encourage farmers to find new uses for surplus land are running up against planning objections, nowhere more so than in the case of Heath Place, in Essex, the proposed site of Britain's first all-weather race course.

Mr Hew Watt, owner of Heath Place, is the first to admit that as a farm it does not have much going for it. It is in one of the less scenic areas of the county, surrounded by new developments and old chalk pits and fragmented into four sections by trunk roads.

Two years ago he agreed to sell 120 acres to Richard Muddle, a jockey and son of Mr Ron Muddle, owner of Lingfield Park racecourse, in Surrey.

A condition was that planning permission was obtained for the construction of an all-weather track, to be used as an alternative venue to which meetings threatened by snow, frost or floods could be switched.

The racing industry, led by the Jockey Club, has been pressing for such a development, and in October 1986 Thurrock Borough Council recommended that the scheme be approved. A public inquiry was held in March 1 year but attracted little interest.

On January 5 this year, after studying the inspector's report, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Enviroment, indicated his approval in principle. In April his deputy, Mr William Waldegrave, said on television that permission had been agreed for an all-weather race course development in the South-east.

However, the site lies within the Green Belt and there were complaints that the district council had not allowed sufficient time for objections to be submitted to the inquiry.

Mr Ridley decided to allow time for further objections and earlier this month he announced that he had changed his mind.

He said that he accepted that there was a need for an all-weather race course in the South-east, that the site was in a convenient location and that the development would be a new source of employment and was likely to become a national asset.

Objections to the loss of agricultural land, and on the grounds of noise and disturbance, did not carry sufficient weight to justify the refusal of planning permission, he said. The Ministry of Agriculture had not opposed the scheme.

However, the scale and nature of the development, which included a grandstand hotel and hospitality suite, was not acceptable in a rural area.

Mr Watt said: "We will simply start again because I believe this is negotiable. There are no other race courses in Essex, and I would rather see horses on my land, which is no longer a viable farm, than houses and factories. This way we would be helping to save the Green Belt."

Unions in media talk on merger

By John Spicer

Leaders of two big trade unions in posts and communications are calling for the creation of a "mega union" covering radio, television, printing, the Post Office and private couriers.

The two leaders are already involved in merger talks but both say a wider communications union might have to be formed to meet the challenges of the future.

Possible candidates for a merger are the National Communications Union (NCU), the Union of Communication Workers, the National Graphical Association, Sogat '82, the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance and ACTT.

Writing in his union journal, Mr John Golding, general secretary of the NCU, says that as British Telecom goes into the field of cable there might be some overlap of interests.

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the UCW, has put forward similar arguments.

Thatcher waits in wings for the kirk

By Kerry Gill

The Prime Minister, when she wishes to speak, is invariably confident of being heard.

Today, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who is to visit the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh, will not be quite so confident. It will be up to the 1,230 commissioners – ministers and church elders – to decide whether Mrs Thatcher should be heard.

The Rev Bill MacMillan, convenor of the business committee, will cast his eye around the oak-panelled hall and, with luck, spot the Prime Minister sitting beside the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly and draw the commissioners' attention to her presence.

Various previous prime ministers have been invited to speak but dissension is not unknown. It had to be put to the vote before Mr Clement Attlee, the post-war Labour prime minister, was allowed to address the assembly.

Mr MacMillan, asked if he expected any disagreement on this occasion, replied: "One has heard rumblings, of course, but with 1,200 commissioners there who can predict what will happen?

"If you are asking someone to come and speak, and the generality of those present say no, obviously it is going to cause embarrassment on all sides", he added.

A huge security operation will be mounted for the Prime Minister's visit, which is seen as part of her recent intention to spend more time in Scotland spreading her gospel.

The week-long event this year will debate subjects ranging from abortion to the community charge. The Church of Scotland has already criticized government policy on the poll tax, housing and even the Aids campaign, which they regard as lacking moral guidance.

● Westminster sources confirmed last night that Mrs Thatcher will deliver a major speech to the assembly today on her view of morality, emphasizing that every citizen should play a responsible role in society.

Threat to airline jobs

British Airways yesterday gave a warning that the loss of two important routes from Gatwick to Paris and Brussels could lead to redundancies (Our Air Correspondent writes).

"We shall need every person we have to cope with the demand this summer" a senior official said last night. "But the loss of an important route such as Brussels will obviously have an affect on our employment needs in the future."

The Civil Aviation Authority ruled on Thursday that Air Europe should have sole rights to fly to Brussels from Gatwick and Dan Air should get the lucrative rights to fly to Paris alongside Air Europe.

British Airways was furious at the decision which, it claimed significantly reduced consumer choice.

After its merger with British Caledonian about 2,000 voluntary redundancies from the joint staff of 47,000 were sought.

BR sell-off possible after next election

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Government is considering ways of privatizing British Rail, Whitehall sources disclosed yesterday.

Ideas are being discussed at the Department of Transport and within the Downing Street policy unit. However, there are no firm plans and no legislation is envisaged before the next general election.

Sir Robert Reid, the BR chairman, is understood to support the idea of privatization "in the fullness of time", but the railways still run at a heavy overall loss. Government subsidies in 1988-89 will amount to £605 million.

At least three options are believed to be under consideration.

British Rail could be sold as a single entity. That would mean privatization being delayed until BR manages to break even, the new company continuing to receive state aid, or further unpalatable closures of loss-making lines.

It could be split into area companies or even companies running single lines. That idea is being encouraged by the Centre for Policy Studies, the right-wing "think tank" founded by Mrs Thatcher.

Another idea is that a semi-public "quango" could be formed which would own all BR's railway lines, leasing them to private companies to run their own services.

The man inside the Downing Street policy unit who is coordinating the consideration of BR's future is Mr Greg Bourne.

According to British Rail sources, Sir Robert is convinced that the only viable option is to keep it as a single entity and that the other ideas are unworkable.

From the Waterloo control room yesterday evening, Mr Lawrence Ramsey, station manager, watched with trepidation the bobbing heads of 50,000 commuters heading homewards (Ronald Faux writes). It had been a bad week, he admitted. Timetables introduced as a host of gremlins seemed to enter the system brought cancelled trains and irate commuters hammering on the area manager's door.

"Wednesday was really bad but yesterday alone we had 12 trains cancelled, half of them at rush hour. People were quite naturally peeved", he said. During a week in which the station seemed headed for its own Waterloo, elderly ladies had been reported in distress waiting for trains, business gentlemen turned purple with rage and one Brownie leader was in tears surrounded by her pack because their train failed to turn up.

British Rail guaranteed smoother running next week. A spokesman said there had been a severe staff shortage with guards and drivers trapped on broken down services. He pointed out rush hour at Waterloo was an intricate timed occasion with three trains arriving and leaving every two minutes. Mr Ramsey said: "It only takes one to break down and you're up the creek".

Road repairers face penalty for delays

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The Government wants to reduce traffic jams on main roads caused by roadworks. It is considering applying its motorway lane rental scheme to contractors who dig up the roads to replace water, gas, electricity services and sewage pipes.

Contractors would receive a bonus for completing the work ahead of schedule and pay a penalty for delays.

When the Horn committee reported in 1985 on how to improve the co-ordination on road excavations between the electricity, gas, sewage, telecommunications and water boards, it said the public utilities were digging up Britain's roads 1.6 million times a year.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, wants British Gas, and the water and electricity boards to reconsider the way excavations are carried out.

Many contractors are required to provide only a temporary road surface after the excavation is finished and that is subsequently resurfaced by the local highway authority.

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Five law lords chosen for Spycatcher appeal

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Griffiths, chairman of the Security Commission, has been appointed, with four other law lords, to hear the final round of the Government's *Spycatcher* appeal in the House of Lords next month.

None of the five law lords on the panel for the hearing, which starts on June 13, has been involved in the other set of *Spycatcher* proceedings which have already come before the House of Lords.

There had been speculation that a rare full sitting of all nine law lords would be constituted for the case, because of the problem of finding law lords who had not already "declared themselves" in the earlier proceedings.

Lawyers for the Government and for the newspapers involved in the final action – *The Guardian*, *The Observer* and *The Sunday Times* – had suggested that the five who sat on the other *Spycatcher* appeal, together with two or four others, might make up the panel. But the law lords decided the best approach was to "deal a fresh hand".

The law lords on the panel are Lord Griffiths; Lord Keith of Kinkel, the senior law lord who will preside over the panel; Lord Brightman, a retired law lord; Lord Goff of Chieveley; and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, the most recently appointed law lord.

No one with obvious political affiliations, such as the present Lord Chancellor or previous ones such as Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone or Lord Havers, has been selected.

Lord Griffiths, whose background is in common law, is regarded as a very good, well-liked all rounder and an excellent lawyer.

One of his predecessors as chairman of the Security Commission, Lord Bridge of Harwich, was on the previous *Spycatcher* appeal in which he came out in favour of lifting restrictions on newspapers.

Lord Keith, a Scottish law lord who chaired the comittee on the enforcement powers of revenue departments, is described as "a good solid lawyer." He is the longest-serving law lord.

Lord Brightman, who sat as a law lord from 1982 to 1986, was described as a good "technical" lawyer, while Lord Goff of Chieveley is regarded as a "brilliant academic lawyer" who took a first in jurisprudence at Oxford and was a don there. He also had a highly successful career at the commercial bar before becoming a judge in the Chancery division.

Lord Jauncey is the newest law lord and as such has yet to show his colours.

The Government is appealing against the Court of Appeal ruling last December which freed the British media to publish the *Spycatcher* allegations.

The Court of Appeal judges, led by Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, held that publication of *Spycatcher* in the United States and elsewhere had destroyed any secrecy about its contents.

The judges said it was not necessary to continue the injunctions in force against the newspapers.

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Major to sue MoD over false criminal file that ruined him

By Ruth Gledhill

The Ministry of Defence admitted yesterday that it made "a clerical error" which gave a former major in the Army a false criminal record and ruined 25 years of his life.

Mr Peter Cory, a former field major in Kenya, applied for nearly 200 jobs when he resigned from the Army in 1963, but not one of his references was taken up and he failed to obtain a single interview.

Mr Cory, who is 65 next week, said yesterday: "It is disgusting. To find out now, just weeks before I am due to reach retirement age, is the most upsetting thing that could have happened to me. When I joined the Army as a teenager it was my whole life. Now it has ruined my life because of gross maladministration."

He has instructed his solicitor to sue the ministry and has already been granted legal aid. He is planning to ask for more than £200,000 compensation.

The error arose after Mr Cory, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, was falsely convicted after a 43-day trial in Nairobi in 1961 of fraudulent misapplication of welfare funds while serving with the Royal Army Service Corps in Kenya.

Mr Cory was officer commanding 60 Company and the holder of the Regimental Institute Fund. The sum involved was £300. He spent two months under close arrest in Kenya and six months in Wormwood Scrubs prison before the Court Martial Appeal Court quashed the conviction in 1963.

There the matter would have ended, if the War Office, now the Ministry of Defence had not neglected to inform Scotland Yard of the result of the appeal. All Mr Cory knew was that his applications for jobs after he resigned his commission, because the trial had left a smear on his name, were repeatedly refused.

Until January this year, he had no idea of the reason why so many bodies, including the prison service, the probation service and the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, near his home, had turned him down.

It was not until he had a harmless "brush with police" that he suspected something was not quite right and he asked Mr Andrew Hunter, Conservative MP for Basingstoke, to make inquiries.

Questions put to the House of Commons revealed that Mr Cory still had a criminal record on the computer files at the National Identification Bureau, the catalogue of offenders controlled by New Scotland Yard, and that this information was available to a range of government and financial bodies including banks, hospitals, local authorities, research organizations, British Telecom and the BBC.

Mr Cory said: "I think I must be owed a lot of money. They destroyed my military career by a gross miscarriage of justice and wrecked my civil career by gross maladministration. In short, they ruined my life.

Mr Peter Cory: plans to sue the MoD for £200,000.

"It has upset me more than anything else could. I have had no apology from the MoD. All I have received is a letter from a sergeant at Scotland Yard to say my name has now been eradicated from the National Identification Bureau record.

"This has been a truly shattering experience. Our standard of living is far below what it should have been. I did find work eventually, as a clerk, a storeman and a plant hire rep. I joined the Army when I was 17 as a trooper and worked my way up the ranks by passing exams."

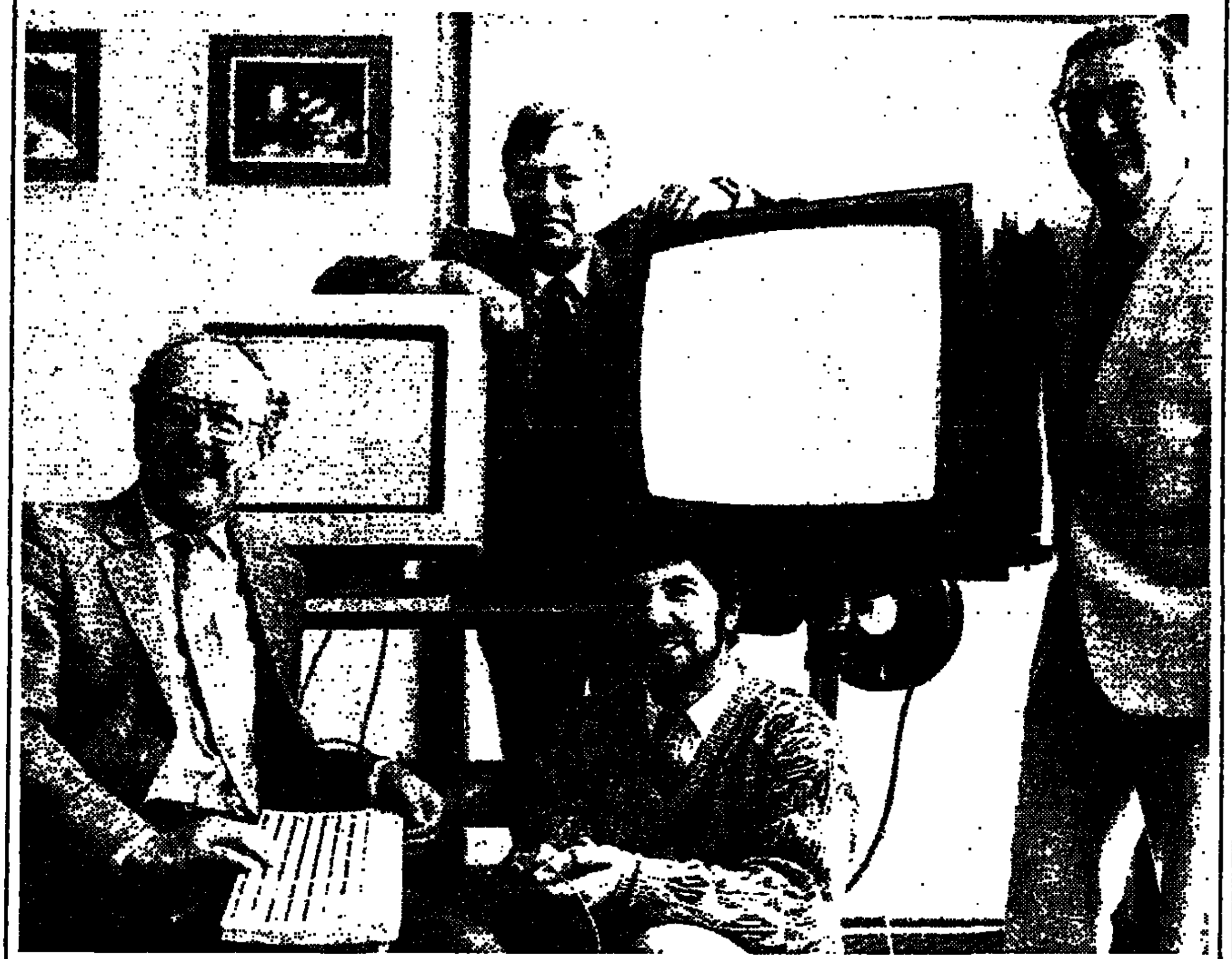
By now, he could have expected to have been a lieutenant colonel or to be earning a healthy salary in the Civil Service, with a pension on retirement. Instead, he and his wife, Joan, live on less than £500 a month.

Last night, Mr Hunter said: "It was an appalling oversight and an absolute tragedy. Mr Cory is devastated to discover that 25 years after he had been cleared he was still branded as a criminal. It has been a dreadful waste of a life."

The ministry said: "There was a failure to inform the National Identification Bureau. This was unfortunate. It was an administrative error. The record has now been amended."

Mr Hunter is continuing his campaign to clear his constituent's name. He started four years ago to clear up alleged inaccuracies in a statement made about the original conviction to the Commons in 1963 by Mr James Ramsden, the then Secretary of State for War. Mr Cory and Mr Hunter say the report to the House contradicted the Appeal Court findings. Mr Hunter will on Monday table a question to the House in an attempt to finally put the record straight.

All change on the weather front



High-tech forecasters: Michael Fish (left), Bill Giles, John Kettley and Ian McCaskill (Photograph: John Rogers).

By Alan Hamilton

Television weathermen showed off their new box of tricks yesterday which, while not improving their ability to predict hurricanes, will make them much prettier on the screen when they arrive.

The BBC is about to introduce a system of computer graphics which will bring new movement and colour to the charts and, it is hoped, animate the forecasts. The innovations include swarms of moving arrows to indicate wind direction and strength, realistic black rain clouds rolling in from the Atlantic, and bands of bright colour in the manner of a school atlas showing land and sea temperatures.

Viewers will see the new forecasts for the first time on May 30, a bank holiday, when they will be presented by Bernard Davey, duty weatherman for the day.

Bill Giles, the senior BBC weatherman, and his colleagues are still edgy when the events of last October are mentioned. He said that the new graphics were not intended to improve the accuracy of forecasting, simply to make the message clearer. But had they been in use on the evening before the hurricane, viewers might have appreciated better what was going to happen.

Mr Giles said: "Our new moving arrows would have shown a great swirling mass of air moving towards the country. We could have got over much better what we knew at the time, and you could not have ignored it."

The forecasters still protest that they were predicting winds of at least 50mph that night. Michael Fish said: "It's the gusts that do the damage."

On a trial run displaying yesterday morning's weather, the graphics showed a vast ugly mass of raincloud filling the Atlantic south of Greenland, and lighter patchy cloud travelling across southern England, while the temperature chart showed a great swathe of chilly grey dipping right down the North Sea to Dover and touching the East Anglian coast around Cromer. The world picture, sent by satellite and looking like an astronaut's photograph of the earth, showed particularly heavy rain in Zaire.

The television weathermen insisted yesterday that, as well as looking prettier, their forecasts were getting better. Weather radars, which give a reading every 15 minutes, are being extended throughout Britain and Europe, and the new graphics display four different levels of cloud. The Meteorological Office at Bracknell has also recently bought the world's fastest and most powerful weather forecasting computer, which should be operating by the autumn.

The weathermen will never win, as they are messengers blamed for their message. "If the weather is bad, people always take it out on us", Mr Giles said, assuming a thoroughly cloudy outlook.

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Coming to the aid of the party

A family party will go with more of a swing, thanks to the daily Portfolio competition.

Mrs Janet Berman, of Henley Road, Wargrave, Berkshire, who shares the £4,000 prize with two other winners, said: "We were already planning a party for after the summer so this will come in very useful."

The two other winners are the Rev James McIntyre, of Cedar Avenue, Stirling, Scotland, and Mr Terence Willans, aged 70, of New Mill, Penzance, Cornwall.

Mr Willans, a manufacturer of industrial safety equipment, said he had been playing the competition since Christmas.

The Portfolio Accumulator fund today stands at £30,000. Portfolio offers two chances: the daily prize or — if your number is higher — the contents of the Accumulator fund.

Mr Terence Willans: cash for investment

Cat scratch link to form of hepatitis

By Pearce Wright

A mild form of hepatitis can be transmitted through a cat scratch, according to a report published today of a newly recognized illness.

Three cases are described in the current *Lancet* of children contracting granulomatous hepatitis, after contamination by a strain of bacteria causing cat scratch disease. The report by a team of US doctors suggests that source of infection may be more common than appreciated.

Ultrasound radiography had shown that the children had developed small nodules on their livers.

The doctors suggest that if a cat is carrying the infectious bacillus it may be transmitted to children who pick up and kiss their pets.

Policemen sent to jail after PC 'found religion'

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

A plot by policemen to frame a young man and a youth for driving offences collapsed when one of the officers became a devout Christian and confessed to a superior, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Police Constable Richard Lane, aged 31, confessed to a senior officer: "I have now found religion. I cannot go through with taking a religious oath and lying in the face of God." When Police Constable David Fardell, aged 22, admitted what had happened he broke down in tears.

The court was told that neither man could explain their plot. PC Lane confessed after he had joined the Baptist church when his wife suffered postnatal depression and the couple found relief in religion.

Both men, officers with otherwise exemplary records stationed at Walthamstow in east London, yesterday stood with their heads bowed as they pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice.

PC Lane was jailed for nine months with six months of the sentence suspended, and PC Fardell was jailed for six months with four months suspended.

They were ready to tell lies in court against Mr Daniel Perriman, aged 22, and Mr Ryan Deevy, aged 15, Mr James Badenoch, for the prosecution, said. Mr Perriman and Mr Deevy were arrested in November 1986 after the officers followed their car through Walthamstow. The officers lost the vehicle, but later found it again, with the two friends standing beside it.

Both officers said later they had seen Mr Deevy driving the car, which was untrue. The officers wrote up their report books and allowed their full statements to go to superiors.

Mr Deevy was charged with taking and driving away, driving while disqualified, and having no insurance. Mr Perriman was accused of allowing himself to be carried, knowing the car had been taken without consent. They denied the charges at a magistrates' court and the case was remanded.

Mr Martin Ryan, for PC Lane, said the officer confessed to his church.

Judge Shindler told the officers: "It is a serious matter and a sad case for you both. It is also a sad case for the police force, because every time a police officer does the kind of thing you have done here, you undermine public confidence in the police at a time when the police need the support of every decent citizen in this country.

Innocent man fails to win court cash battle

A businessman who was acquitted of fraud after spending a year in jail yesterday failed in a court challenge against a decision by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, that he is not entitled to compensation.

During the High Court case, it emerged that when the Home Secretary makes such decisions on compensation, he makes his own private decision about the guilt or innocence of the person.

Yesterday's case involved Mr Joseph Harrison, aged 41, a market gardener of West Chiltington near Billinghurst, West Sussex.

He was arrested for alleged fraud, served a year in prison but was subsequently cleared.

The Home Secretary's approach to such matters was shown in confidential government documents that the Home Secretary was ordered to hand over during the course of yesterday's case.

Priest confirms Meacher's hardships

By Robin Young

Mr Michael Meacher, who used to be called Mr Tony Benn's vicar on earth, had divine intervention on his side yesterday in his libel action against *The Observer*.

Canon Wilfred Badger Wilkinson, who was priest in charge of All Saints, Berkhamsted, from 1953 to 1957, came to the High Court in London as a surprise witness from Southwell in Nottinghamshire, having first heard of the trial on Thursday on returning from holiday.

Point by point, with little prompting from counsel, he corroborated and expanded upon the picture Mr Meacher had presented of the hardships of his early life — a key issue in the case.

Mr Meacher's father, Canon Wilkinson said, had been a broken, dependent man, in a continuous state of breakdown, carried through life by his wife. The Meacher house, at the "going down end" of town, had been dark, rundown and shabby, and half let out to lodgers.

The Meachers, he said, were among the hardest up, most stressed and struggling families in his church, but young Michael, who served Holy Communion in his church had been "a pillar of strength . . . first class . . . a tremendous boy in the life of our church . . . so real, sincere and honest, and with such guts".

Canon Wilkinson said he knew Mr Meacher could not have attended the local public school unless he had won a scholarship. He added: "I do not want you to think I am here supporting somebody who is on the far left of the Labour Party. I'm a Social Liberal Democrat."

Mr Alan Watkins, the political diarist of *The Observer*, who, Mr Meacher complains, accused him of exaggerating the modesty of his origins to curry favour in the Labour Party, said he did not believe the case was a serious matter.

He had offered a correction when *The Observer* found it impossible to prove that Mr Meacher had ever claimed to be an agricultural labourer's son. "An apology", he said, "was never on". Mr Watkins said he did not regard Mr Meacher as a leading politician, but thought him as decent and a man of integrity.

A sentence likening Mr Meacher and a former Labour MP with whom he had been in dispute to "a louse and a flea" was, Mr Watkins said, "a literary allusion — a joke", adding that only people without any sense of humour were likely not to find such things funny.

The case continues on Monday.

Battle of the great and lesser St Ives

By Martin Waller

The Department of Trade and Industry is being sued for libel by the country's second biggest printer, the St Ives Group, over an advertisement in the ministry's "Enterprise Initiative" campaign.

The full-page advertisement, which appeared in Wednesday's editions of *The Daily Telegraph* and the *Financial Times*, dealt with the woes of the St Ives Printing and Publishing Company of Penzance, Cornwall, when it attempted to expand its business.

Their problems with invoices and bills, tax returns and bank statements were solved when they turned to their local Department of Trade and Industry office. The case history was used to launch the department's Financial and Information Systems Initiative.

But one man for whom the story did not have a happy ending was Mr Bob Gavron. He is chairman of the larger St Ives Group, a fast-growing printer and book publisher based in south London and which has an annual turnover in its last published accounts of nearly £100 million.

He consulted his solicitors, Titmuss, Sainer & Webb, and both agreed that the company mentioned in the advertisement — which featured a man seemingly imprisoned behind bars made of books — could well be taken for his own.

His solicitor spent Wednesday morning trying to get in touch with the department but achieved "no meaningful response" and issued the writ.

Mr Gavron told *The Times* his immediate concern was that his customers, suppliers and shareholders would assume the company admitting incompetent financial management was his.

"I am not in a towering rage and I do not want to be pompous about it", he said.

"But as we are frequently described as the second largest printer in the British Isles I would have thought some of the various people involved in passing the copy for the advertisment might have made the connection.

"What is indisputable is that the full-page advertisements have done us considerable damage."

Mr Gavron is demanding the advertisement should not be republished and that the department issues an appropriate apology and correction in the two newspapers and anywhere else it may have appeared.

Last night the Department of Trade and Industry said the advertisement had since been withdrawn from the campaign schedule "quite independently of this matter".

It had been decided that improvements were necessary to the advertisement, but these were not connected with the writ.

The department intends to continue to use the case history of the Cornwall company in future advertisements.

Mr Gavron is reserving his position over damages. "We might have a go, if we have the right", he added.

The Cornwall-based St Ives, featured in the advertisement, reckons it has first claim to the name, having been founded in 1951.

Dismissing Mr Gavron's group's attitude as "incredibly arrogant", the managing proprietor, Mr Toni Carver, said: "If anybody is capitalizing on their name, it is the St Ives Group. They are not based in St Ives."

The "Enterprise Initiative" campaign, which was launched with a fanfare in January as the pet project of Lord Young of Graffham, appointed Secretary of State after the last election, is the responsibility of advertising agency WCRS, formerly Wight Collins Rutherford Scott (Holdings).

The account manager handling the campaign, Mr Andrew Clarke, declined to comment.

The dry wit heading £180m group

Mr Bob Gavron, who is aged 57 but looks much younger, brought his company to the stock market in September 1985 with a value of £18.3 million.

The St Ives Group is now worth ten times that, after a string of acquisitions, which started immediately after the stock market flotation with the purchase of Richard Clay, the country's biggest book printer, and included the £45 million purchase of Burrups, the security printer, from United Newspapers in October last year.

This was followed by the stock market crash, which by slowing down the pace of acquisitions in the City cut away at Burrups' most profitable market, the publication of price-sensitive documents. The result was redundancies at Burrups, including the departure of several senior executives after a dispute over policy.

Commenting on the departure of senior figures at Burrups, Mr Gavron, known for his dry wit, said: "I understand several of them went to the opposition. We were delighted."

The rise of St Ives has stemmed mainly from its ability to buy up and modernize small printing businesses which could not have afforded the heavy level of capital investment needed to keep pace with technological change.

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Pirate radios threat as Hurd postpones community stations

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

"Pirate" radio stations are set to spring up all over Britain after the Government's decision to postpone the introduction of three new national radio channels and hundreds of community stations.

The warning was delivered last night by radio campaigners after yesterday's disclosure in *The Times* that Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has abandonded plans to introduce legislation this year which would have authorized the expansion in commerical radio.

Mr Hurd's decision, confirmed by Whitehall officials yesterday, has also upset several government backbenchers. Mr Roger Gale, Conservative MP for Thanet North, has written to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary urging a rethink.

He is suggesting the Government should introduce a short Bill in the House of Lords which dealt only with radio issues.

"All the decisions on radio have been taken and they are not decisions that affect the rest of broadcasting very much. They stand as an entity on their own and it is a package we should get on with as a gesture of good faith to the industry", he said.

The latest postponement of radio development plans comes in the wake of the Home Office's unpopular, last-minute cancellation in 1986 of a limited community radio experiment.

Mr Hurd announced in January that the Government intended to establish a new "light touch" Radio Authority which would oversee the expansion in commerical radio. He had indicated it would be included in legislation this year.

Since then potential operators have been raising funds, and in some cases building studios in preparation for the new era. For many the latest government machinations, officially due to a packed legislative timetable, are the last straw.

Mr Stuart Woodin, for the Community Radio Association, said: "We are quite devastated. It is yet another broken government promise.

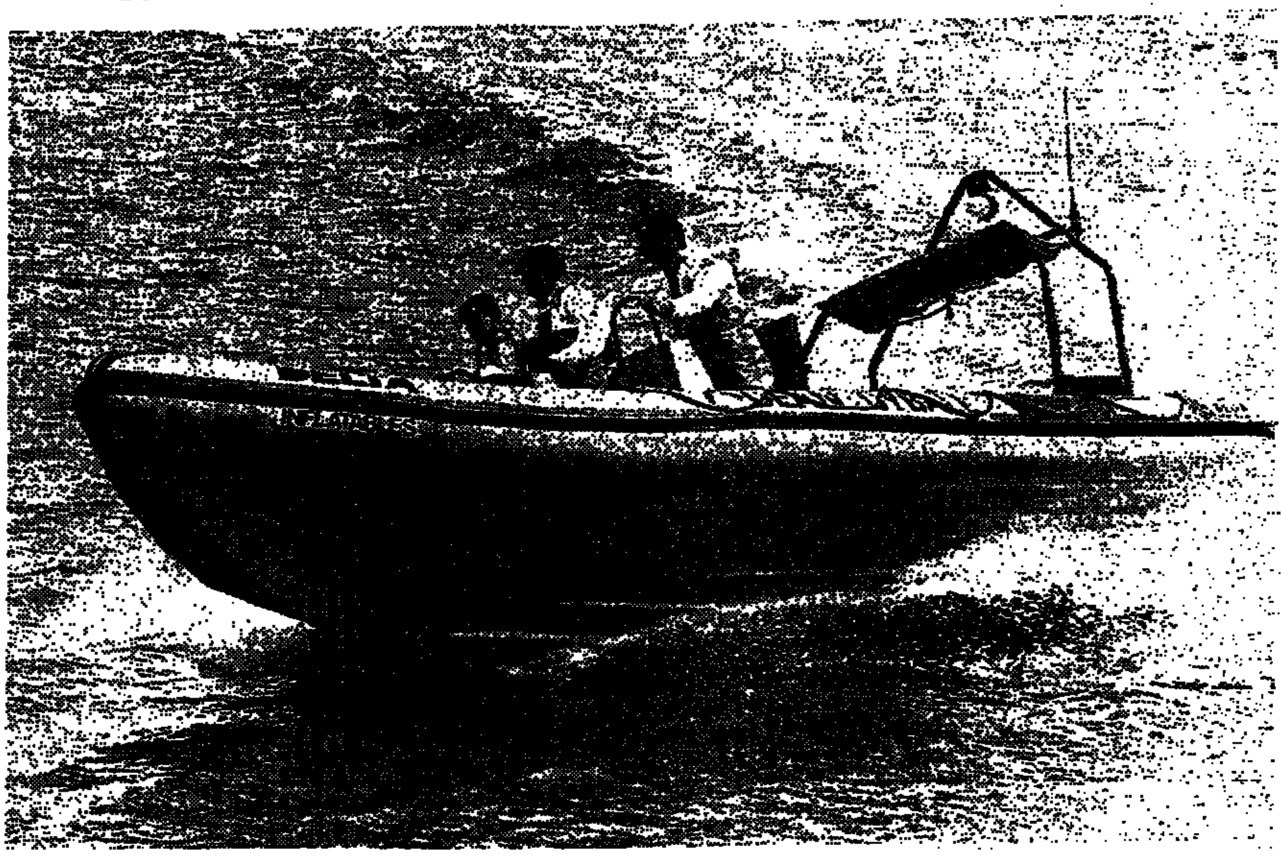
"There will be great pressure on people within our movement who have been waiting patiently to unashamedly go pirate."

He estimated that at least 50 new "pirate" stations could be on the air within the next 12 months.

Mr Paul Boon, chairman of the Association for Broadcasting Development, said he was considering taking the Government before the Parliamentary Ombudsman on the grounds of maladministration. "This is not so much a slap in the face; it is a stab in the back".

Mr Brian West, director of the Association of Independent Radio Contractors, which represents existing independent local radio stations, expressed disappointment at the Government decision.

Marines' round Britain challenge



By David Cross

Royal Marines from 539 Assault Squadron Plymouth demonstrating the manoeuvrability of the inflatable craft they will be using in their attempt next month to circumnavigate Britain within four days.

The first of three crews of three marines will set off from the Mayflower steps in Plymouth harbour on June 29 to take it in turn to travel an estimated 1,407 nautical miles clockwise. Support teams with supplies will make their way round the course by road.

The craft they are using is a 7 metre Delta Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB), powered by twin 140hp Suzuki outboard motors. The aim of the Round Britain Challenge is to raise funds for the Royal National Life-boat Institution (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Woosnam is fined for custom evasion

Ian Woosnam, the golfer, was "foolish" when he attempted to evade paying customs duty on a watch and a ring on arriving at Heathrow Airport from South Africa, a court was told yesterday.

The Ryder Cup player was fined £5,000 and ordered to pay £50 costs at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court when he admitted by letter evading the duty last December.

His solicitor, Mr Andrew Buchan, told the bench: "This is clearly a case of foolishness. One of the most serious matters is the publicity he may receive and how that will affect his career."

Mr Harry Thackery, for the Customs and Excise, said Woosnam, of Dyffryn, Norda Road, Oswestry, was questioned about a watch and a ring he and his wife were wearing. Woosnam said he had bought both items in Hong Kong; he had paid £1,600 for the watch and US$120 for the ring.

Fraud charges

Seven people accused of being involved in an alleged mortgage fraud which could total £60 million were remanded at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in London yesterday. They will appear again on May 27 and June 17.

Air base trial

Joseph Williams, an American airman based at Lakenheath, Suffolk goes on trial at the base on June 16, charged with murdering Senior Airman James Sulz, who fell to his death from a cliff at Hunstanton, Norfolk last year.

Phantom tale

Three children who told police they had fought off a man who had tried to snatch the youngest of them from a playground at Newport, Gwent, were said by police yesterday to have made up the story. Their parents, however, were still convinced by the children's account.

Arsonist hunt

Police are hunting an arsonist who set fire to a barn containing machinery and crops worth £60,000 at Bicester, Oxfordshire, on Thursday, in what was at least the fifth such attack on farm buildings in the area.

Assault case

Errol Barton, aged 27, a plasterer, of White City Estate, Shepherd's Bush, west London, accused of assaulting a police officer and kicking a police-dog, was remanded on bail until September 8 at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday. He said he would call Roald Dahl the author as a witness.

Forest sale

Contracts have been exchanged for the sale of Ashdown Forest to East Sussex County Council by the executors of the 10th Earl de la Warr. The late earl's family had owned the 6,400 acres of mainly gorse and bracken-covered hills for 300 years.

Falkland hoax

The Falklands Islands Government is receiving letters from hundreds of would-be emigrants, all applying for free passages and jobs in answer to bogus shop-window advertisements in Hampshire.

Suicide verdict

Fred Edmunds, the father of Dave Edmunds, the pop singer, hanged himself after the closure of the day centre he attended, an inquest in Cardiff was told yesterday. A verdict that Mr Edmunds, aged 78, of Orbit Street, Cardiff, killed himself, was recorded.

Radiation claims rejected

By Ronald Faux

Claims by Greenpeace, the environmental organization, that the Channel Islands were in danger of pollution from the La Hague nuclear plant in north-west France were rejected yesterday.

Scientists from Bremen University had analysed seaweed and shellfish samples from the coastline of Jersey, Guernsey, Herm and Alderney.

In their report, released yesterday by Greenpeace, they said they found nuclear pollution that may pose a significant radiation hazard if it was used continuously as a soil fertilizer.

There is to be a campaign to encourage the use of seaweed as fertiliser for Jersey agricultural produce as a substitute for artificial fertiliser.

Greenpeace acknowledges that the contamination was in low doses compared with radiation protection levels but says it may may pose a significant radiation hazard.

Mr John Langlois, president of the States of Guernsey civil defence committee, responsible for monitoring radiation levels in the island's milk, rainwater, sea water and marine life, said the figures produced by the German scientists were similar to those of the island authorities. But the scientists' conclusions were far-fetched and not founded on scientific fact.

Radiation levels were extremely low and there was no cause for alarm on the island. "The level of radiation is hardly detectable", he said. Greenpeace had claimed they were "significant" but not how significant.

In Jersey, Senator John Rothwell, head of tourism, said the report would not cause him any lost sleep. "The only thing that concerned me was the possibility of the island receiving scare mongering, alarmist publicity."

Deputy Robin Rumboll and Colonel Bill Clayden, responsible for Jersey's civil emergency procedures, said the Greenpeace report confirmed the findings of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The islanders were in no danger but it was wrong to imply that the Channel Islands were uniquely affected and to use the islands in promoting their international anti-nuclear campaign.

Although the islands had used seaweed as fertiliser, hardly any had been used in the past 20 years.

The islands were about to launch a campaign to encourage farmers to use it in preference to chemical fertiliser. Although there was nothing in the Greenpeace report that was new or alarming, there would be thorough discussions with the States official analyst and an independent source before the campaign was resumed.

M Hugues Delaunbay, director of the Cap de la Hague nuclear station, said there was nothing new in the Greenpeace figures. The only disagreement he had with the organization was in its suggestion of a danger to public health. "There is no danger."

A senior Lake District planning officer, Miss Rachel Nutman, told a public inquiry in Keswick yesterday that the planning board had a national duty to preserve the unique wilderness and wildlife of the Skiddaw Fells. A youth hostel in middle of the area would harm those interests.

She was giving evidence for the board on the final day of the public hearing over the future of the Skiddaw House Hostel, which was opened last year without planning permission. The developer is appealing against an enforcement notice served by the board to close the 36-bed hostel.

In Cumbria climbers who object to commercial competition climbing on Lake District crags have decided not to support any events organized by the Independent Sports Climbers Association. It is claimed competitions affect the freedom of other climbers and damage crags.

Swedish glass vase sold for £86,360

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Modern glass achieved a startling record at Bukowski's, the Swedish auction house, yesterday when a 1939 vase by Edvin Ohrstrom sold for £86,360. One of only two in existence decorated with a chameleon perched on a stylized branch, it was bought by the same Swedish collector who acquired the other chameleon vase last year for the previous world record price of £53,000.

Swedish glass is enjoying a dramatic rise in favour partly as a result of an exhibition in Dusseldorf two years ago, and partly because 1988 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Orrefors glassworks.

Other vases by Ohrstrom, who is 82 this year, fetched double or triple their estimates, at £27,000 and £20,000.

A vase made as recently as 1986 by Eva Englund fetched nearly three times its estimate at £2,545. It is decorated with a staring semi-transparent head.

At Sotheby's continental furniture, tapestries and clocks sale yesterday a sixteenth-century Brussels tapestry telling the classical tale of Cyrus fetched the top price of £36,300 (estimate £20,000). Designed by Jan Van Tiegen, it shows Cyrus instructing the Lydians to forsake war for peace.

Another good price was achieved by a pair of north European mahogany bookcases dated around 1830, set with trellis panels. Estimated at £8,000 to £12,000, they fetched £20,900. Four of the five top lots were bought by private customers. The sale had a success rate of 86 per cent, making a total of £295,548.

At Dukes of Dorchester, a pair of George III mahogany card tables fetched £9,900 yesterday against an estimate of up to £6,000, while a floral marquetry table sold for £6,600 (estimate up to £4,000). An ordinary pine bookcase, sold by Dukes for £1,438 in January this year, fetched £2,860. The sale totalled £100,000, with 97 per cent sold.

Christie's had a 40 per cent failure rate with its lower-quality continental picture sale in London yesterday. But there were some good prices, such as £15,950 — five times over estimate — for a pair of "Views of Naples", by Sal Candido.

Top price at Christie's French and continental sale in New York on Thursday was $121,000, or £64,706, for a pair of Empire giltwood armchairs bought from Marshal Ney in Paris by Sir Charles Stuart, the British ambassador, and sent for sale by what the catalogue referred to as "a Southern lady".

£30m paintings stolen from Dutch museum

By Mark Fuller, Amsterdam
and Sarah Jane Checkland

Three Impressionist paintings including a Van Gogh and a Cezanne worth an estimated £30 million were stolen from the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam early yesterday in what is thought to have been the biggest art theft in Dutch history.

The three paintings are "Carnations" by Van Gogh (1880); "Bottles and Apples" by Cezanne (1894), and "The House of Maitre Billaud in Nevers" by the Dutch impressionist J B Jongkind (1874).

The theft was marked by the slow reaction of security staff who were at first told by museum personnel that nothing was missing.

Staff are convinced that the thieves were briefed exactly what to look for, and would probably try to sell the paintings on the black market. There was also a theory that, because of the slickness of the operation and the similar appeal of the paintings, they have been acquired specifically for a single collector, the art world's nightmare "Mr Big". They could never be sold on the open market because they are so well known.

According to Mr Willem Beeren, director of the Stedelijk, thieves broke into the museum, which has only an electronic security system, through a window in the side of the building. They then made away with the paintings in the 20 minutes it took the museum's security personnel to arrive.

He said it normally took the guards three minutes to answer an alarm but he would not say what had caused the delay on this occasion.

Ms Heleen van der Weijden, a police spokeswoman, said photographs of the paintings and information about the theft, had been circulated worldwide by Interpol, but she declined to give any details of the police investigation so far.

Geoffrey Smith

The future of Sir Geoffrey Howe is the key to a reshuffle at the top of the Cabinet, whenever it may come. The Foreign Office is the only place that would be likely to interest Mr Nigel Lawson if he were to move from the Treasury. It would also be the natural berth for Mr Douglas Hurd if he were to be transferred from the Home Office.

So whether Sir Geoffrey remains Foreign Secretary indefinitely must be critical for the long-term prospects of the other two. Mrs Margaret Thatcher cannot want to go into the next election with the same Foreign Secretary and Chancellor she has had since 1983, and the same Home Secretary since 1985.

The departure of Sir Geoffrey from the Foreign Office would be a neat way of creating the vacancy that she will need. If he stays on Mr Lawson, and quite possibly Mr Hurd too, can be expected to leave the Government altogether well before the end of this Parliament.

There is no sign that Sir Geoffrey would be happy to go, and it is not so easy to see where else he could serve in the Government with dignity and satisfaction.

It always used to be assumed that when the time came for him to leave the Foreign Office he would become Lord Chancellor. He has the credentials for the office. However, he would not want to go to the Lords so long as he retained any hope of becoming Prime Minister.

Now there is an additional obstacle. Lord Mackay of Clashfern has settled in with such distinction that there does not seem likely to be a vacancy on the Woolsack for some time.

The government front bench in the Lords could still do with some strengthening, especially after the retirement of Lord Whitelaw, and Sir Geoffrey would in many ways be admirably qualified for the role of elder statesman there. He has the necessary sense of history and an acute sense of political strategy.

But I do not believe that he is yet ready to leave the Commons, and it would be natural if he had another inhibition. It is rewarding to be an elder statesman only if one has influence. In this government that means having the ear of the Prime Minister.

I doubt if relations between them are so bad as some recent publicity has suggested. They are not close in the way that Mrs Thatcher and Lord Whitelaw were. If Sir Geoffrey went to the Lords he could easily become an elder statesman outside the magic circle. For a man who relishes hard work and responsibility that would be immensely frustrating.

Could he then be moved to any other office while staying in the Commons? The only possibility would seem to me to be Home Secretary.

It is not an opportunity that he would be likely to seek. The Home Office is not a good springboard for an ambitious Conservative who still has hopes of getting to the very top. For Sir Geoffrey it could easily be interpreted as a step down.

He does have the qualifications: his legal background, his earlier interest in penal and racial policies, and a broad human understanding. The very intractability of the problems — violent crime and drugs, which seem to be defeating governments around the world — might conceivably be a challenge. I would not quite rule out the possibility.

Might it be feasible, though, for Mrs Thatcher simply to drop him? There is much respect and affection for Sir Geoffrey throughout the parliamentary party, but hardly any minister is irreplaceable if a strong Prime Minister is sufficiently determined.

If Mrs Thatcher is riding high this September she probably could dispense with his services without creating an explosion. But there would be much grumbling, and it would reinforce the suspicion that she cannot manage her close colleagues.

September 1989 would seem a more natural time for a big reshuffle. But, if other things are equal, Mrs Thatcher might reflect that the longer a person remains Foreign Secretary the more international authority he builds up.

Ridley ridicules Tory MPs over Green Belt

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Nicholas Ridley last night stoked the increasingly bitter dispute within his party over Green Belt policy with an uncompromising attack on local councils, constituents and MPs. He accused them of wanting development anywhere except near them.

Two days after Mr Michael Heseltine ridiculed Mr Ridley's assertion that demand for housing in the South-east had to be met, the Secretary of State for the Environment insisted that failure to allow further development would lead to more homelessness and soaring house prices.

"It is going to be a very great social problem if we do not solve it one way or the other", he said on London Weekend Television. "You cannot just turn away and say we will not allow any more houses for the people who live in our area — they can sleep in the street if they like."

Mr Ridley disclosed estimates this week of 610,000 new homes in London and the South-east by the end of the century, a 30 per cent increase on previous estimates.

More than 90 Conservative MPs have joined a pressure group called Sane. Asked why so many were calling for a halt on development, Mr Ridley accused their constituents of trying to encourage housing anywhere but their doorsteps.

He said half the South-east's district councils had failed to prepare plans making it clear where development would be allowed.

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PARLIAMENT

Minister promises more help to promote arts

The Government is planning to expand its assistance in the promotion of the arts to the public, Mr **Richard Luce**, Minister for the Arts, announced when opening a debate in the Commons on the arts.

He said that the artist depended on the public for creative sustenance and financial support. That was why it was important to encourage the marketing, management and general professionalism of arts organizations.

"I believe that marketing and management help for the arts will be further strengthened by a project designed to encourage greater business involvement in the arts.

"I shall shortly be making an announcement about this, in collaboration with the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts and the business community."

During the debate, Mr **Terence Dicks** (Hayes and Harlington, C) criticized arts subsidies and said that Sir Peter Hall, Director of the National Theatre, had made a million out of taxpayers' money.

Mr **Luce** said that his role as minister was to create the best possible climate in which the arts could flourish and which would encourage artistic excellence and accessibility to all arts for the greatest number of people.

That would be achieved primarily by plural funding, a partnership in which money from the taxpayer and the private sector worked together. That not only helped financially, but provided the arts with greater freedom and integrity. The more self-reliant were the arts, the healthier they would be.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, said that the Government's record in the arts and cultural industries was miserable. In real terms, there had been a 3 per cent cut in museum funding.

In the crucial areas of purchasing, conservation, stock control, research and curatorial standards, the picture was very grim. Because the Government would not fund properly, trustees were having to turn to charges.

There had been growth and expansion in the arts. Audiences and demand had increased. Standards were high, but that was because of local authorities who, in spite of the Government's hostility, were already by far the largest spenders on the arts.

Because of the definition of art as "art and music" in the Education Reform Bill, there was a distinct threat to the enormous explosion in schools of drama, dance, video and media studies.

The Government should redefine the arts as cultural industries; recognize the role of local authorities; and widen access to other voices. Instead it moaned about the welfare state mentality and created a climate which was hostile to writers, artists, painters and film-makers.

Mr **Toby Jessel** (Twickenham, C) criticized museums for keeping attics full of unseen treasures. He said that it could not be right that large quantities of beautiful paintings and other objects were kept in cellars to be seen only by academics.

Mr Dicks said that the arts lobby was one of the most effective in the country.

"They dominate most of the media and on any chat and evening show you see someone from the arts lobby saying how good it is and how it must continue. Who are the beneficiaries? The professionals and everybody knows the fortune Peter Hall has made as a result of taxpayers' money going into organizations he has been connected with. He has made a million out of using — I will not say abusing, but manipulating — taxpayers' money. So he would be in favour of more funds, wouldn't he?

The Arts Council was a lefty, trendy organization which existed on public funds and which had had its grant increased.

When a couple went to the opera or ballet, their seats cost £28 in subsidy each, so that their entertainment cost the taxpayer £56, while an unemployed man and his wife had to survive on less — £50 — per week.

The explanation given for subsidizing the arts was that they were part of our heritage. Was an overweight Italian singing in his own language part of our heritage, any more than a man prancing about in tights? He did not believe so.

Why was it that those who could well afford to pay should be subsidized for going to the theatre, opera or ballet?

Mr **Norman Buchan** (Paisley South, Lab) said that in discussion of the arts, 90 per cent was often ignored — broadcasting, radio and television. Sinister things were begining to happen there.

Just as the shades were going up in the Soviet Union with glasnost, so they were coming down in this country. Broadcasting was becoming a commercial monopoly with three men, Maxwell, Murdoch and Stevens, controlling 80 per cent of national newspapers. At least two had bought into satellite broadcasting.

Deregulation would mean that the monopoly of the press would be repeated in satellite broadcasting. Removing controls did not mean freedom of broadcasting, but freedom for a few rich people to broadcast.

Mr **Robert Wareing** (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) said that the Tate Gallery of the North, which opened next Wednesday in Liverpool, needed more money if it was to prove more than a one-week-wonder. Without more money it would be in financial difficulties by July and there was already a proposal to close the exhibition floor from September.

Mr **Tony Banks**, for the Opposition, said that although Mr Dicks was to the arts what *The Sun* was to English literature, or *The A Team* was to embroidery, there was a horrible portent in the future he predicted.

Since the Government had sold off the family silver, it was probably only a matter of time before it raided the British Museum to see what else could be sold off.

Mr Michael Foot (left), biographer of the poet Byron, complained during the debate that despite four separate pleas, the Post Office had refused to issue a special stamp to mark the bicentenary of the poet's birth. He showed MPs a postcard sent to him from Moscow bearing what he called a fine stamp marking the anniversary and added that perhaps the British Post Office was frightened of being had up under section 28 of the Local Government Act, which bans the promotion of homosexuality.

Peers attack plan to sell electricity

The Government's plans for the privatization of the electricity supply industry came under attack from the Opposition and a Conservative peer when the White Paper outling its proposals was debated in the Lords.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, said that the Government's claim that privatization would hand the industry back to the people was a most farcical argument. Electricity was not just another commodity to play about with like baked beans or ice cream. The Government had no right to play "ducks and drakes" with it.

"It is not the producer of the nation's wealth who makes the money when these great transfers take place. It is the financial manipulator and the Stock Exchange hangers-on — and of course the Government itself."

There was no public demand for the privatization of electricity. Since it was taken into public ownership it had been an acknowledged success.

Lord Weir (C) said that the Government's privatization scheme was nothing more than a simplistic and almost ideological commitment to competition.

"It is possible, by an insistence on artificial competition, to cause defects and confusion that outweigh the natural benefits of competition."

There were industries where simple concepts of competition were not necessarily either natural or essential.

The White Paper was thin and inadequate with no mention of emergency power supplies. The proposals could have serious effects on the British coal industry.

"My greatest concern about the White Paper is the confusion and uncertainty it may cause for the power station construction programme."

Lord Davidson, for the Government, said that there was a clear mandate for privatization. The 1987 manifesto had been unambiguous on that.

The Government was looking in depth at the industry's centralized services, including research and development; and intended to provide a framework within which it could fully utilize its existing expertise.

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Mujahidin step up pressure as the Russian pull-out gathers pace

Soviet dependants join the exodus from Kabul

From Christopher Walker
Kabul

As the Mujahidin rebels stepped up their pressure on the pro-Soviet Government of President Najibullah in various parts of Afghanistan, senior Afghan sources told *The Times* that large numbers of Soviet women and the dependants of Soviet officials were now being flown back to Moscow on all available flights.

A spokesman for Ariana, the small Afghan national airline, which along with Aeroflot is the only civil airline to fly the Kabul to Moscow route, said: "A few day ago our flights were nearly empty. Now they are jammed full of Russian women and children, some of whom worked here and others who are being flown home ahead of their husbands."

The exodus of the Soviet families, many clutching bundles of the sophisticated consumer durables, which are found in abundance here but scarcely ever in the Soviet Union, has been accompanied by unconfirmed reports that the rebels are tightening their grip on the strategic provincial towns of Jalalabad and Kandahar.

> ❛ The future of Jalalabad and Kandahar will provide a crucial psychological test of the ability of the Najibullah regime to stand alone ❜

Kabul was seething with rumours following a rebel claim that the Jalalabad to Kabul road, a vital supply route, had been cut and that the airport at Kandahar was coming under renewed rocket attack.

An Afgan Government official last night flatly denied the rebel claim. "We have checked and, whatever they say, the road is still open and traffic is coming up normally," he said. Earlier, throughout much of Thursday night, the Kabul end of the road was lit-up by large parachute flares designed to expose any rebel activity.

Yesterday Soviet SU-25 fighter-bombers flew repeated sorties out of Kabul airport, adding to the conviction that heavy fighting with the rebels was taking place somewhere to the south of the capital.

Senior Western diplomats, who were also unable to confirm the rebel claims, believe that the future of the two towns will provide a crucial psychological test of the ability of the Najibullah regime to stand alone without Soviet assistance.

"If either of those places were to fall quickly into rebel hands, it would be a great embarassment to the Russians and would increase the mood of uncertainty in Kabul," a Western military expert said.

The rebels have been deliberately trying to whip up the uncertainty in Kabul, both by a bloody series of random bomb and rocket attacks and by reviving the sinister practice of posting anonymous *shab name* (night letters) giving orders to the population, under indirect threat of retaliation.

A senior Western source said that evidence had been obtained to show that two letters had been circulated by clandestine Mujahidin sympathizers, one of which called on shopkeepers to close their stores on a certain date as a gesture of defiance to the Government and to avoid being caught in violent attacks in the city.

"It appears that the rebels may be adopting similar tactics to Palestinian radicals on the West Bank, using strikes to demonstrate that the Government is facing widespread opposition," the source added. "These methods all add to the general air of confusion."

Now that the Soviet withdrawal has begun, albeit not yet in any great numbers, it is possible to detect a growing willingness among the ordinary Kabul population to speak openly to outsiders about their hatred for the Russians. As yet it is hard to assess how much this anti-Soviet feeling would translate into a willingess to oppose the Najibullah Government.

> ❛ The guerrilla tactics are a combination of brute force and more subtle persuasion. It's too early to tell how effective they will be ❜

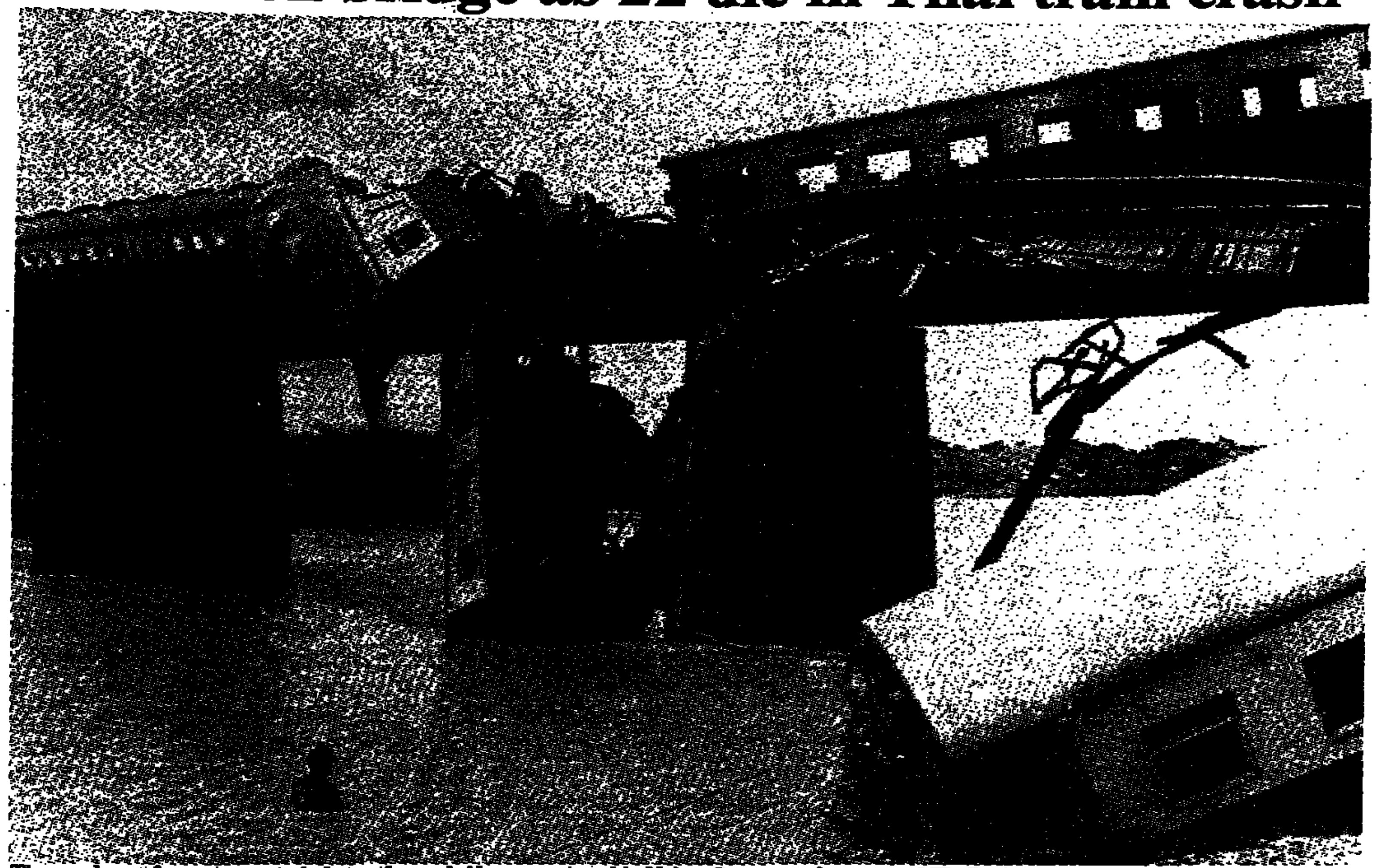
Yesterday even one of the taxi drivers authorized by the Afghan security authorities to operate from the hotel where Western journalists are being housed under heavy guard had hardly left the confines of the perimeter fence when he was speaking out.

"I hate this hotel," he said, referring to the former Kabul Intercontinental. "It is full of Russians and I hate them. We are Muslim people in Afghanistan and we have nothing in common with them."

The rebels in some areas have deliberately tried to undermine support for the Government by offering officials and others who have worked closely with it the promise of one month's grace to change allegiances in any town like Jalalabad or Kandahar.

"The guerrilla tactics are a clever combination of brute force and more subtle measures of persuasion," one envoy said. "It is too early yet to tell how effective they will be."

Chaos on bridge as 22 die in Thai train crash



The wreckage of a passenger train hangs from a bridge over a canal in Nakon Sawan province, central Thailand, yesterday after it had collided at a rail crossing with a juggernaut loaded with bricks. Twenty-two people, including the driver of the vehicle, were killed and 16 were reported seriously injured.

Moscow's heavy price for eight-year conflict

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Soviet Union has had to pay a heavy price for waging war in Afghanistan for more than eight years. The figure of 15,000 dead, acknowledged by Moscow on Thursday and confirmed by Western intelligence sources, provides a reliable indication of the human price paid.

But an estimate of the overall cost of the war, including wounded and lost equipment, underlines why the Kremlin was so anxious to draw the war to a close.

Despite past claims by the Mujahidin that about 50,000 Soviet soldiers had been killed, Western intelligence officers asked to monitor the progress of the war had recently put the figure at between 11,000 and 13,000. But the total Soviet casualty figure, including wounded, is estimated to be between 33,000 and 38,000.

These estimates do not include the hundreds of Soviet soldiers who are believed to have died from disease.

According to the US State Department, many enlisted soldiers have also returned home openly hostile to the war, bringing with them psychological, drug and a wide variety of other problems.

Afghanistan was viewed as a "dirty war" and draft evasion was reported to have increased to such an extent that Soviet military journals discussed it openly.

The rising casualty figures presented huge problems for Moscow. The Soviet Army was neither trained nor experienced in bringing casualties home from the sort of difficult terrain to be found in Afghanistan. The normal Soviet casualty evacuation procedure would have involved putting the dead and wounded in the empty supply trucks returning home. But this was impossible. So a change in procedure was forced on Moscow and casualties have all been taken out by air.

But the human cost has been more than matched by the loss of equipment during the eight years, particularly aircraft. From the very beginning the Soviet Union has deployed hundreds of ground-attack fighters and armed helicopters into Afghanistan, in the hope that devastating fire from the air, supported by heavy artillery barrages on the ground, would pound the Mujahidin into submission.

But the rebels became highly adept at concealing their units in the hills, and once they acquired the deadly American Stinger anti-aircraft missile, and to a lesser extent the British Blowpipe, all Soviet aircraft were vulnerable to attack. It is estimated that the Soviet side lost between 300 and 400 aircraft, probably about 90 per cent of them helicopters.

As for the overall financial cost of the war, intelligence sources said it was impossible to make a realistic estimate. One source said: "I don't think the cost matters so much to the Soviet Union. The Soviet military industrial sector is so vast that Afghanistan represented just a pinprick on the surface. The war won't have had much effect on stocks and production. They just go on producing more and more. The cost of the Afghan war will get lost in the system."

Western intelligence also recognizes that the war in Afghanistan has provided Moscow with some valuable military lessons, particularly in personnel training and junior officer leadership.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Bomb defused in Spanish resort

Madrid — Police defused a car bomb which had been parked for more than a month close to one of the biggest hotels in the popular Costa del Sol resort of Torremolinos, it was learnt here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes). Late on Wednesday night police evacuated the area and a bomb-disposal crew disarmed the device. No British tourists were staying in the hotel at the time..

Sources said the bomb in a Renault-18 estate car, which had Madrid licence plates, consisted of 80 lb of explosives usually used by the Basque separatist organization, Eta. Police dismissed speculation that the IRA might have been responsible for the bomb.

Clemency by Herzog

Jerusalem — The life sentences on three members of the extremist Jewish Underground group have been reduced to 15-year terms by President Herzog to mark Israel's 40th anniversary (Ian Murray writes). The three, Menachem Livni, Shahu Neer and Uzi Sharvat, were convicted of terrorist offences against Arabs. They have been in prison for the past five years and a strong campaign had been mounted for their release. The sentences of 80 prisoners were reduced in all, including 26 serving life sentences.

Vanuatu rescue force

Sydney — An Australian naval task force of three ships was last night sailing off the coast of the strife-torn South Pacific island of Vanuatu to rescue more than 1,000 holidaymakers and residents if there is any more violence, after rioting earlier this week in which one man died and 20 others were injured (Christopher Morris writes).

Port Vila, the capital, remained tense last night. The crisis is the result of a power struggle between the Prime Minister, Father Walter Lini, and Mr Barak Sope, the Immigration and Tourism Minister, who is being blamed for the riots.

Coalition hopes rise

Copenhagen — Hopes of an end to the political deadlock which followed last week's inconclusive Danish general election rose yesterday when Queen Margrethe appointed Mr Poul Schluter, the Conservative acting Prime Minister and leader of the outgoing four-party, centre-right minority coalition, to seek agreement on policies which could lead to a broadly based administration (Christopher Follett writes).

But commentators said that the negotiations could be protracted and ruled out the formation of a new government until after this weekend's Whitsun holiday.

Gorbachov musters his forces for vital party conference

From Michael Binyon
Moscow

In a notable break with past practice, *Pravda* yesterday announced that the Politburo had called a full meeting of the party's policy-making Central Committee next week to draw up the agenda for the key party conference late next month.

Normally such plenums are announced only after they have begun.

The meeting, expected to start on Monday, will discuss the main issues that will be decided at the conference — the first such event in more than 40 years. The talks are expected to deal with the running and organization of the party, and will include such sensitive topics as a mandatory retirement age for party and government officials, and a fixed term of office for party officials, including perhaps even the members of the Politburo.

Reformists and those close to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov have made it clear that the attempt to democratize the party depends on the conference, which will have power to make recommendations to a party congress. The conference is a virtual referendum on the Gorbachov reforms, but the Soviet leader faces a tough task in mustering a majority of members willing to endorse his proposed changes.

The 5,000 delegates are being elected throughout the country, officially under new rules proposing a choice of candidates. There are widespread reports, however, especially in the provinces, of entrenched party bureaucracies simply ignoring the new option of rival candidates, and papers have disclosed many instances of the establishment attempting to foist its candidate on voters.

Tass reported on Thursday that workers in a factory at Alma Ata, capital of Kazakhstan, had rejected a man the local leadership had announced to a tense hall. After a grim silence, calls of protest erupted from the workers. "Why are you choosing for us once again? We're fed up with your selected 'leading lights'," they were quoted as shouting from the floor.

Elsewhere, there have been similar reports of attempts to steamroller the selection, which is due to be completed by the end of the month. In the Siberian city of Omsk, officials rushed through their candidates without allowing time for discussion.

Even in Moscow and in leading institutions which are the backbone of Mr Gorbachov's reform drive, attempts have been made to "pressure" party members into accepting the officially favoured candidate.

At Moscow University, there was an outcry that Professor Gavrill Popov, a leading proponent of the economic reforms, was not on the ballot. After an angry protest over the announcement that the rector and party chief were the only candidates, a secret ballot was held. Professor Popov beat the party chief with 90 per cent of the vote, while the rector was chosen as the other candidate.

Mr Gorbachov is far from assured, however, that those chosen will endorse the reforms, as many cut into the privileges of party officials and severely limit such perks as special food and clothing stores, country cottages and cars.

Conservatives may be able to muster a large number of the disaffected around calls for a slowing down of *perestroika* — which Soviet intellectuals say would all but cripple the reform movement.

Mr Roy Medvedev, the dissident historian who is a strong Gorbachov supporter, expressed confidence that the Soviet leader, by changing the rules for delegate selection, would be able to ensure a majority who would endorse change.

Mr Gorbachov has insisted that his proposals will not weaken the leading role of the party, and that he intends simply to correct abuses and cut out the arbitrary use of power by local party officials to overrule government decisions.

But in recent weeks he has seemed pessimistic that change could be brought about democratically, and is being urged, ironically, to force through the democratization in the old manner — by decree from the top.

Glasnost's curtain-raiser, page 10

Expensive flop in Hollywood

Wizard's failing magic

From Charles Bremner, New York

Once upon a time in a far away land, George Lucas wove magic that raked in some of the biggest film box office in history. The force seems now to have abandoned the *Star Wars* wizard with his latest and most ambitious epic and the money-men are quaking all the way from Madison Avenue to Beverley Hills.

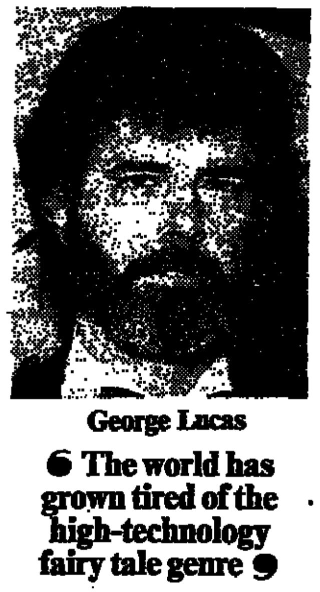
After an advance fanfare of mythic proportions, *Willow*, Mr Lucas's new Dark Age adventure opened in New York yesterday to some of the most wicked reviews for years. With $35 million in the production and a further $50 million invested to promote everything from *Willow* lunch boxes to underpants, the backers are praying for popular favour.

"It's déjà voodoo", said the *Washington Post* which called it an anaemic high-tech fantasy. "If 'magic is the bloodstream of the universe', as *Willow* tells us, Lucas needs gamma goblin."

Newsweek said "Lucas has mixed and matched two thousand years of storytelling" under the headline "The raider of lost art".

For Janet Maslin of *The New York Times* yesterday, the film is as vast as it is second-hand, a weary "recapitulation of images from *Snow White, The Wizard of Oz, Gulliver's Travels, Mad Max, Peter Pan, Star Wars* itself, the *Hobbit* saga, Japanese monster films of the 1950s the Bible and a million fairy tales".

Put briefly, *Willow* tells of the madcap quest by a happy-go-lucky 3 ft 4 in medieval yokel, who lives in a forest of multi-million-dollar special effects along with other cute American-speaking dwarfs. Willow outsmarts the wicked queen, kills a two-headed dragon, saves the adorable baby princess and restores good to the land. All names have the requisite Tolkien-Gulliver sound: Madmartigan, Bavmorda, Kael, Airk, Burglekutt. Mr Lucas, who wrote and served as executive-producer, planned the film a decade ago. Since then, according to the critics, the world has grown tired of the high-tech fairy tale genre he invented.



George Lucas

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The voyeurs of the film business are now circling to watch the carnage if *Willow* proves to be the "turkey" that the reviewers predict.

Since the last *Indiana Jones* blockbuster three years ago, Mr Lucas has failed to follow on and his company has now checked up flops with two much less ambitious films, *Labyrinth* and *Howard the duck*. *Hollywood Reporter*, one of the trade journals, suggested that "spectacular marketing sorcery" will be needed to turn *Willow* into a hit and recoup the huge investment. *Variety*, however, predicted that MGM would manage this.

Millions have been staked by the business world on licensing and promotional souvenirs, an industry which first boomed with the original *Star Wars* in 1977.

That film and its two sequels earned $2.6 billion (£1.4 billion) in retail sales alone.

Some companies, without seeing more than a few minutes of *Willow*, paid Lucas Film Ltd.

up to $1 million each for marketing rights, according to *USA Today*. Quaker Oats is spending $26 million putting magic tricks on cereal boxes and a hamburger chain has put $5 million into *Willow* lemonade cups. The underwear comes with a *Willow* wardrobe.

"If the movie flops, what a drag that will be", said Ms Vicki Mastalerz, of Thermos Inc., which has 5,000 *Willow* lunch boxes on the market.

With *Willow* dispatched, the critical knives are being sharpened again for the debut next week of the most expensive film of all time, the $69-million *Rambo 3*, a Russian-bashing epic starring Sylvester Stallone.

With the dearth of fresh ideas in Hollwyood, it should come as no surprise that the talent agencies are out looking for human and animal actors to star in the latest planned remakes — the *Lone Ranger* and *Lassie*.

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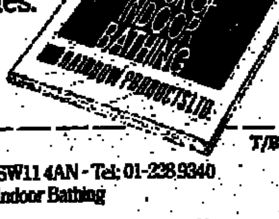

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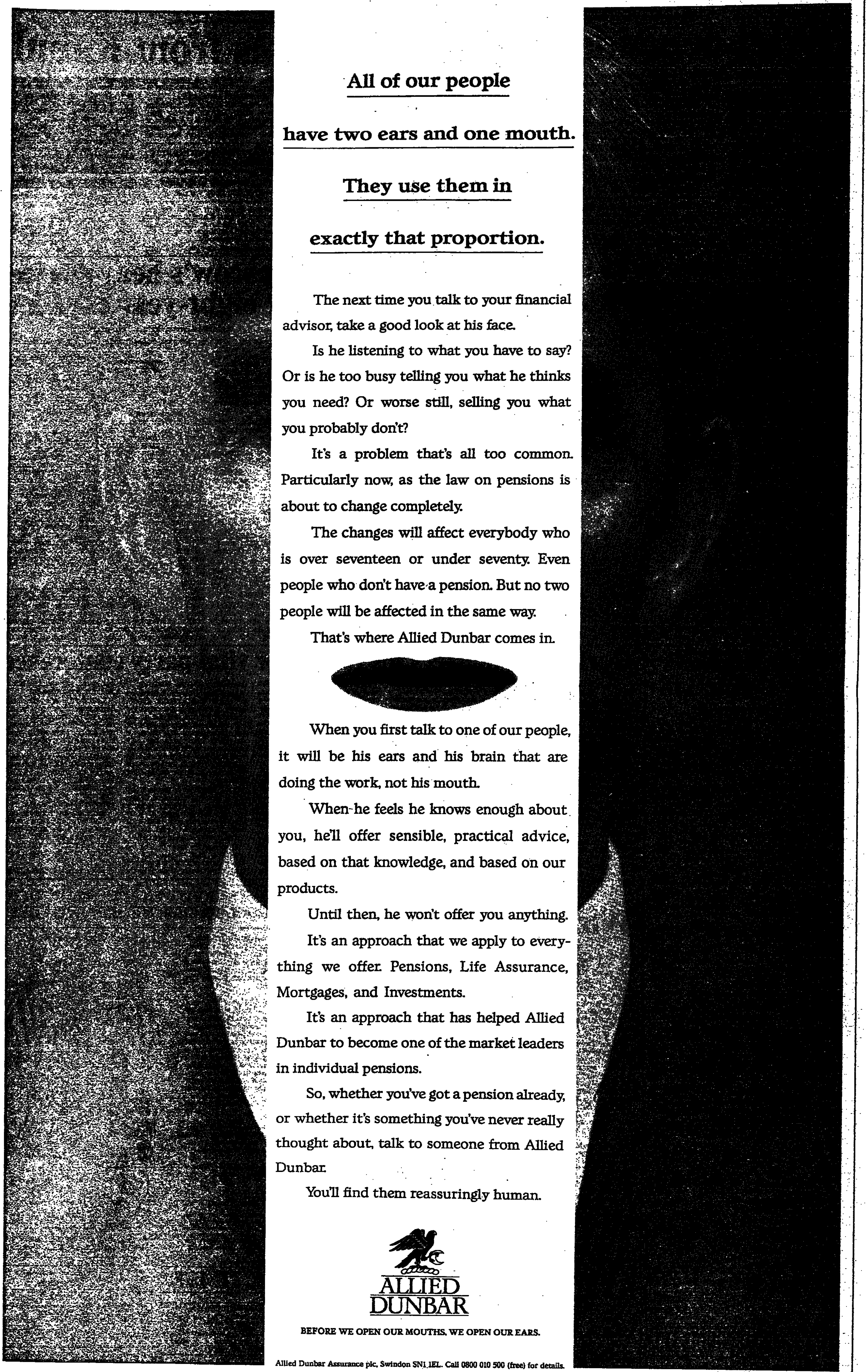

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Hungarian Communist Party conference opens with few hints on succession

Kadar gives grim account of country's social woes

From Richard Bassett, Budapest

An aged but by no means fragile Mr Janos Kadar opened the first Hungarian Communist Party conference for 30 years yesterday, offering precious little hint that he would step down from the party leadership.

Many of the 900 delegates in the austere trade union hall in Budapest looked quizzically at their notes after Mr Kadar's two-hour speech, searching for some clue to the succession issue which is overshadowing the conference.

There was little, however, to suggest the dramatic change which months of speculation both in and outside the party have encouraged here.

In the course of his address, delivered in an unfalteringly clear Magyar, the 76-year-old politician who has guided Hungary since the Soviet invasion of 1956 painted nonetheless a candid picture of the country's economic and social problems.

Pausing only to adjust his tie and drink from a glass containing a mysterious yellow liquid which none of the other members of the Central Committee seemed to possess, the Hungarian leader underlined his country's dilemma.

Conditions were lacking, he said, for raising living standards. The future was "uncertain" and the public mood had "deteriorated, devaluing confidence in the party".

Mr Kadar added that "as usual those who wish to take advantage of this mood and fish in troubled waters are doing so".

It was important at such a time, the Hungarian leader said enigmatically, to "rejuvenate the composition of the leading bodies". The party conference would resolve such uncertainty.

This remark, however, far from indicating that Mr Kadar was prepared to step down, was interpreted by most seasoned observers as meaning that he blamed those below and around him for Hungary's present economic woes.

In fact, much of Mr Kadar's speech seemed to be aimed at cementing his position as a figurehead of the people and party rank and file.

As befitted a man who had played a leading role in the post-1956 crackdown, as well as the more benign economic reform programme, Mr Kadar resorted to rhetoric.

He called on the country's politicians to utter "sincere words" to enable the people "to shoulder the burden of these temporary difficulties".

The mass media, he said, should "criticize errors without spreading paralysing pessimism".

Despite the progress of multiple-candidate elections in Hungary, he urged the conference to reject "all aspirations which paved the way towards bourgeois democracy or anarchy".

Apart from this curious mixture of old-guard rhetoric and popularist reform, Mr Kadar made it clear that he in common with other East European leaders was awaiting the outcome of this June's party conference in Moscow.

It would be events in the Soviet Union and the pace of reconstruction there which would influence the future in Hungary, Mr Kadar implied.

Mr Janos Kadar, the Hungarian leader, addressing the party conference in Budapest yesterday, at which he appeared to blame others for the country's continuing problems.

Students sue official press for defamation

From Our Own Correspondent, Budapest

Budapest's grim Central Town Court looms large in Marko Utca (street). Like many buildings put up by the Habsburgs, its arches, longing to imitate Florence, are frustrated by walls of soot-blackened Victorian brick.

Earlier this week, its dark panelled interior was enlivened by an uncharacteristic group of defendants, more striking in appearance even than the families of ragged Gypsies crowding round staircases to watch their relatives being prosecuted for theft or smuggling.

In double-breasted suits, smart ties and striped shirts, the well-shod representatives of the official Hungarian news agency, MTI, and the Government's paper, *Magyar Hirlap*, cut a dash as they pushed through the Gypsies, drug addicts, traffic offenders and various malcontents to enter the courtroom for an historic libel action.

While it is not unknown in communist countries to persecute writers in and outside the courts, this was the first time anyone could remember journalists in Hungary employed by the official press being brought to court.

Even more unusual were those accusing the well turned out gentlemen of committing libel and defamation. Arraigned against the representatives of the offical press were not any *perestroika* or *glasnost*-minded bureaucrats but the punk hair-styled members of the recently constituted Federation of Young Democrats.

The federation, an unofficial students' union, is just one of many organizations which have sprung up recently as the Government has tolerated a relaxation of restraints on association outside the Communist Party.

Set up at the end of March, the federation has not only held meetings but resorted to the unprecedented step of suing the two flagships of the party press for libel.

The federation claims that both the official Hungarian news agency and *Magyar Hirlap* printed reports accusing the group of being an "illegal organization". The case, which only had its first session on Thursday, is expected to last for weeks — even though it began with a setback for the students when the court, after several hours' litigation, dismissed their appeal. That there will be more of this to come was made clear by the announcement that the students would appeal to a higher court.

The students were convinced that they would succeed in the end. "We must win eventually and we will claim damages," one of them insisted outside the court.

What would the damages be? "I'm not sure but enough to buy a photocopying machine at least," came the resourceful answer.

Other students present in court insisted that the case must ultimately end in triumph for them because to proscribe the federation would run against the grain of all reforms the present Government is encouraging.

Students in Budapest are at the forefront of recent developments. They are predictably enthusiastic as they are now able, for the first time since the 1956 Soviet military intervention, to meet in a union independent of the party.

Some of those in court were less sanguine. Despite the fact that it was remarkable that such a court case should be heard at all in a communist country, they were pessimistic that it could be resolved easily.

South American pastoral tour

Pope outflanks church radicals

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The Pope, who returned to Rome this week from South America, has outflanked his radical critics within the Church who argue that Roman Catholic clergy should cooperate with Marxists to change or overthrow corrupt Third World dictators.

Vatican analysts making a preliminary assessment of the Pope's 37th pastoral trip abroad — to Uruguay, Bolivia, Peru and Paraguay — believe that he has made his most forceful statement yet on human rights abuses in South America. The trip, his ninth to Latin America, was intended primarily to give spiritual support to what is now the fastest-growing community within the Roman church.

The Pope: Made forceful statements on human rights.

Increasingly the Pope is telling believers to make high demands of their rulers — that leaders should respect civil rights, guarantee the dignity of work and the freedom of association.

In Paraguay, this was particularly evident when he met government opponents, attacked corruption and underlined the socially destabilizing effects of poverty. At the sports stadium in Asunción, the Paraguayan capital, he pressed for the liberalization of the system, saying: "Where there is no real participation of citizens in big decisions, it is not possible to talk of real freedom, or even less of real democracy."

Liberation theologians in South America, some of whom have been disciplined by the Vatican, have been saying the same thing for years. The Pope, however, made it plain that this was not a question of politics, but more of God-given rights.

The difference seems a narrow one but, as Vatican clerics pointed out this week, the Pope was now talking to President Stroessner of Paraguay in much the same way as he addressed General Wojciech Jaruzelski in Poland last year.

The difference is that the Pope was then attacking the communist system of values; in Paraguay he attacked the corruption of the men in power.

This was a trip replete with landmarks. It was, for example, an occasion when the Pope delivered a sermon at a record altitude — 13,000ft above sea level, near La Paz, in Bolivia. But the most significant visits may still be to come. Following trips to the Haiti of the Duvaliers, the Philippines of Marcos, the Poland of Gierek — all pilgrimages with a high human rights content — the leaders were subsequently toppled by popular uprising. Will General Stroessner become yet another such statistic?

●**Church victory:** The names of three new Czechoslovak bishops have been announced in Prague in what has been described as a minor victory for the Vatican (Anatol Lieven writes). They are the first new bishops in the country for 15 years, and their appointment follows lengthy negotiations between state and church.

The Czechoslovak Government pursues the most anti-religious policy of all the East European states, and before the appointments only three of Czechoslovakia's 13 dioceses were occupied.

The main point of contention has been the Vatican's refusal to appoint as bishops priests belonging to the Pacem in Terris movement, which is generally seen as an instrument of the state. None of the bishops now appointed belong to the movement.

One of them, Bishop Jan Sokol, of the Slovak Archdiocese of Trnava, is said to have gained great popularity among his flock by his stand against state pressure.

In March, the authorities launched a new campaign against the church after a petition calling for greater religious freedom — and supported by Archbishop Frantisek Tomasek of Prague, aged 88 — collected more than 500,000 signatures. Catholic activists, such as Mr Augustin Navratil, were harassed and detained. It is believed the announcement of the bishops' names was delayed so the state should not seem to have bowed to pressure.

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Sikh extremists kill 23 more civilians as police raid bases

From Michael Hamlyn, Amritsar

Indian police in the Punjab, armed with new information from the interrogation of those who surrendered during the siege of the Golden Temple of Amritsar, yesterday conducted a series of raids on suspected extremist hide-outs across the state and even in neighbouring Rajasthan and Haryana.

While they did so, separatist gunmen killed another 23 innocent civilians in the stepped-up killing spree that has marked the end of the siege. Seven were killed in one incident and six in another, both in the Jullunder district. Five people waiting for a bus in Bhatinda were gunned down, and five migrant labourers from Bihar were massacred in Ajnala, in Amritsar district.

This marked the second attack on migrant labourers within three days, and represents an evident attempt by the extremists to attack the economic base of the state.

The growing murder-rate indicates that the siege is a long way from having solved Punjab's crisis. More than 1,100 people have now died at the hands of Sikh gunmen since the start of this year.

Meanwhile, the first visitors, politicians, intelligence agents, journalists and inventory clerks, toured the temple itself noting the contents of the various rooms within the holy precincts, and the way the temple had been treated by both its militant denizens and the security forces who during the past 10 days had patiently pressured them into surrender. Among the earliest callers were Mr Buta Singh, the Minister of Home Affairs, and his Minister of State, Mr P. Chidambaram.

Mr Singh is a turbanned and bearded Sikh himself, though of low caste and, in fact, excommunicated by the militant-dominated hierarchy.

The damage to the temple was insignificant compared to that done to the Sikhs' holiest shrine in the 1984 "Operation Bluestar", when the Indian Army stormed it with tanks and artillery.

Then the fabric of several of the buildings was shattered. Now the marble walkway around the Amrit Saravar (the Pool of Nectar) at the heart of the complex is covered with fragments of brick gouged out of the cloister walls by high-velocity bullets. Holes have also been punched in the back wall of the upper storey, where the extremist leaders used to hold court.

But no serious damage has been done. The Harimandir, the holy of holies in the centre of the pool, which is gilded in copper-gilt sheeting, is virtually untouched. Only one new bullet mark is visible and a window is shattered. The lack of real damage is testimony to the restraint of the security forces laying siege to the complex, particularly since the Harimandir was the last redoubt of 46 of the most recalcitrant militants.

There are plenty of bullet holes elsewhere, though. An upper-storey shrine, where the Sikh bible is usually read, is liberally punctured with shots. The memorial to Baba Deep Singh, whose headless body — so the legend goes — threw his head into the temple after a famous battle with the Moguls, so that he would be granted the grace to die in a holy place, is sprayed with gunfire.

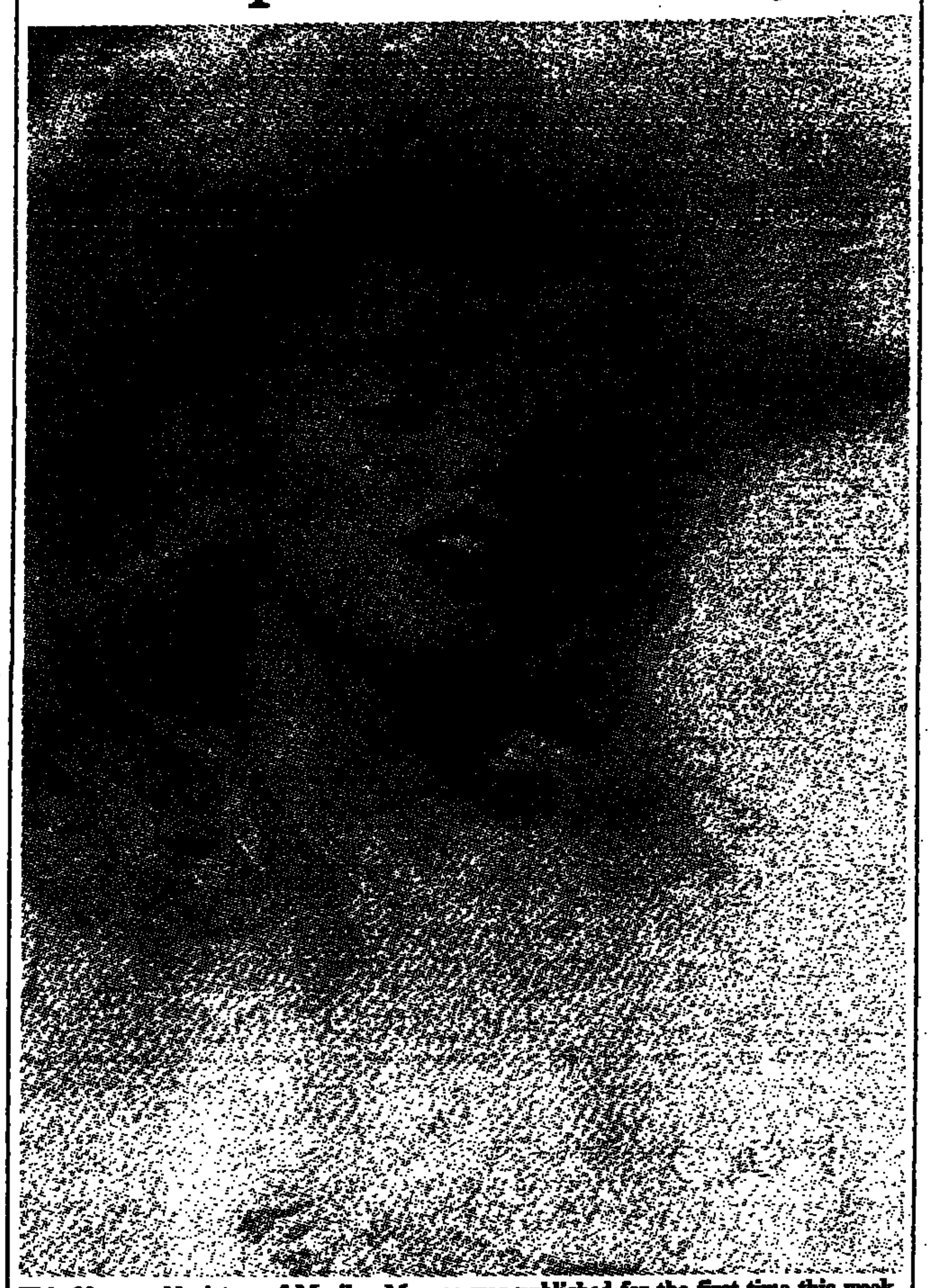
There is evidence, too, of a more grisly kind that the security forces were prepared to fire at people if not at the holy building. A fly-covered man-sized smear of blood marked the spot where the last extremist to die fell under the *sharpshooters' bullets* as he broke away from the line of his colleagues surrendering to run for the cover of the cloister.

His steel bangle, the vestigial symbol of armour worn on the sword arm of all religious Sikhs, lay shattered and spattered with his blood.

There is also evidence of what the security forces are up against. Inside the Harimandir are lined up 10 AK 47 assault rifles, and another machine carbine, together with magazines of bullets. "We expected to find more," said one of the nameless officials in civilian clothes who were searching the shrine. "We think they must have tossed them into the pool".

Elsewhere in the rooms occupied by the militants around the Parikrama — the marble walkway — there were some other guns. Later yesterday, teams of volunteers went into the temple to clean up at least some of the mess left by the 10-day siege.

New portrait of Marilyn



This 32-year-old picture of Marilyn Monroe was published for the first time this week. Taken in 1956, while she was filming *The Prince and the Showgirl*, it was released in conjunction with a magazine contest to find the woman who most resembles the late actress.

Colombo party leader dies after ambush

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

The secretary of Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party, Mr Nandalal Fernando, was shot yesterday in a suburb of Colombo and died in hospital.

Mr Fernando, aged 44, was the second important party official to be killed by assassins believed to be from the extremist Sinhala party, the JVP (People's Liberation Front).

Mr Harsha Abeywardene, the United National Party chairman, was killed last December, only a few yards from where Mr Fernando was shot.

Police said that two men had been waiting with guns hidden in a bag on the luggage carrier of a bicycle. When a car, with Mr Fernando and his driver, passed the gunmen at 8.45am, they ran behind it and shot Mr Fernando, who was wounded in the abdomen. The driver sped away and took Mr Fernando to hospital, where he died just before noon. The gunmen escaped on a motorcycle despite shots fired by a policeman, in a back-up car, who was guarding Mr Fernando.

The incident occurred 10 days after President Jayewardene lifted a ban on the JVP which had been in force for nearly five years. The prohibition ended after the Minister of National Security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, announced that he had held discussions with leaders of the JVP. Colombo said that they agreed to give up violence and surrender almost 700 firearms in their possession.

But the JVP denied having anything to do with a deal and submitted 11 demands to the Government, including a call for the immediate dissolution of Parliament and the withdrawal of all legislation passed since December, 1982, when the Government held a referendum to extend its term of office by another five years.

The JVP is opposed to the accord signed by Sri Lanka and India last July which paved the way for the creation of provincial councils in the north and east of the island.

The militants said that too much power had been conceded to the Tamil minority under the pact. The party also wants the 70,000 Indian troops now in the Northern and Eastern provinces who are trying to disarm Tamil guerrillas to be sent home.

The JVP killed nearly 260 people last year who were either supporters of the Indo-Sri Lankan accord or supporters or members of the United National Party.

During the provincial council elections, a number of United party supporters, as well as candidates from both the UNP and the left-wing alliance were killed.

All eyes will be on the provincial council elections to be held on June 2 in two provinces, and in Southern province — the JVP's stronghold — on June 9.

Police sources said that the Government, which had already postponed the Southern province elections by one week, was exploring whether polls should be held on two different days to counter threats of violence.

Government sources said that Colombo had no plans to reimpose the ban on the JVP.

Peking's economic reform programme

Deng perseveres on price rises

By Catherine Sampson

Mr Deng Xiaoping said this week that China would maintain its reform policies despite the problem of price increases, and that the Government was "fairly satisfied" with China's development over the past 10 years.

The statement, made at a meeting in Peking with President Chissano of Mozambique, comes in the same week that Chinese consumers, already fed up with what they see as spiralling inflation, are faced with price rises of between 30 and 60 per cent on pork, eggs, vegetables and sugar sold at state shops in Peking and Shanghai.

The special telephone line to the Mayor of Peking's office, set up to deal with public reaction to what were called "adjustments", was busy all day dealing with complaints.

The price rises in these and other cities represent the latest move by the Government to rationalize China's pricing system. In the past, the state has provided big subsidies at source for foodstuffs and this has meant artificially low prices for the consumer. But now the thrust of central policy is towards introducing a commodity economy with exchange of goods at their market value, and subsidies are being phased out. Inflation is the inevitable outcome.

Taipei (Reuter) — Riot police, backed by water cannon, fought running battles with demonstrators who stormed the Taiwan parliament building yesterday. At least 10 protesters were arrested. The demonstration had begun as a peaceful march by 3,000 farmers, who were complaining about agricultural imports from the United States and low prices for their produce, and also demanding a social insurance scheme.

In the first three months of this year, Peking estimates that retail prices rose by 10.1 per cent in the capital, with vegetable prices rising by 27.9 per cent compared with the same period last year. However, officials say a big part of this is due to unauthorized price rises which they are trying to stop.

Inflation has come as something of a shock to the average shopper, who complains of unreasonable prices and engages in panic buying.

Mr Zhao Ziyang, a member of the Politburo, has emphasized that prices can never again be frozen, but telling the Chinese that inflation is good for them in the long run does not have much effect on public opinion. The issue was raised at the recent National People's Congress, but no solution was reached, which has been mentioned by the media in mild criticism of the parliamentary meeting.

Recognizing that the public could not tolerate price rises if their income remained the same, the Government has begun to grant subsidies to consumers instead — a change from what they call covert to overt subsidies. This is hardly a long-term solution, but it is a sweetening of the pill. As the latest price rises came into force, workers and students in Peking and Shanghai were given subsidies of up to 10 yuan a month for food bills.

The Mayor of Peking tried to explain that the subsidies had been calculated fairly on the basis that each worker supported 1.5 people, but he implied that people might delve into their savings if they found prices hard to afford.

A Peking municipal official described the plan as defective. He recognized the problem facing enterprises using foodstuffs in their production process, but could advise them only to "absorb" the price rises and not raise the prices of their finished products in turn.

Hard pushed to defend the policy to a disgruntled population, he concluded: "No plan can be 100 per cent perfect, but this one has more advantages than disadvantages." The Chinese Government clearly feels it must press on with price reforms despite public discontent.

CIA helps put down Contra mutiny

From Martha Honey, San José

A leading opponent of the Nicaraguan Government has said that the mutiny of a group of rebel Contra commanders is over and their controversial military chief, Colonel Enrique Bermúdez, has been "confirmed in his position".

Reports from Miami and Central America claim that advisers from the US Central Intelligence Agency dictated that the rebellion should end, but some political leaders and military commanders persisted in their opposition to Colonel Bermúdez. The crisis has nearly paralyzed the US-backed guerrillas since last month and threatened to disrupt peace negotiations between the Contras and the Sandinista administration.

At a press conference here late on Thursday, Señor Alfredo César, a Contra director, said: "The internal conflict in the military is over. Colonel Bermúdez is confirmed in his position and the dissident commanders are being talked into returning to their posts in the army."

At the insistence of Colonel Bermúdez and US officials, seven dissident commanders were deported from Honduras to Miami on May 6 where they have continued to agitate for a more effective and democratic military leadership.

Señor César said that five Contra directors decided on Monday to back Colonel Bermúdez, but indicated the vote was not unanimous. Two directors, Señor Adolfo Calero and Señor Pedro Joaquín Chamorro, had opposed Colonel Bermúdez. When Señor Chamorro proposed at a meeting last Saturday that Señor Calero be named to replace Colonel Bermúdez, he is reported to have been berated by a CIA official.

Señor César refused to discuss details of this fiery exchange or of CIA pressure to retain Colonel Bermúdez. Dissidents accuse CIA officials of aggressive intervention, including bribery and intimidation, to end the mutiny.

The loser in the factional fighting appears to be Señor Calero whom, Señor César announced, would no longer head the Contra negotiating team. Señor César said the Contras propose that a new round of talks should be held with Managua from next Wednesday to Saturday, preferably in Sapoa, the Nicaraguan border town where in mid-March the two sides concluded a ceasefire.

Ershad move for Sharia law prompts opposition to warn of a violent backlash

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

Plans by the Bangladesh Government to introduce Muslim law are being bitterly debated nationally, with opponents of President Ershad saying that the proposals will raise the spectre of new communal violence.

"Islamization will spread hatred and distrust between the majority Muslims and minority non-Muslims," said Mr Abdul Qadir, aged 21, a political science student at the University of Chittagong, which saw a series of violent clashes last month between Islamic fundamentalists and left-wingers that forced the closure of the campus.

"More than 85 per cent of the people are Muslims and they have a right to create an Islamic state," insists Mr Mohammad Sattar, aged 35, an activist of the Islami Andolon (movement) which wants rule by the Koran.

The opposing views highlight the growing split in Bangladesh society, which is still scarred by the 1987 floods and protracted anti-government agitation. The divisions centre on a controversial Bill introduced in Parliament last week by the Government of General Ershad. It seeks to declare Islam the country's state religion by bringing in an eighth amendment to the 1972 Constitution and thus clearing the way for laws based on Sharia — the body of doctrines that regulates the lives of those who profess Islam.

Parliamentary approval of the Bill is a mere formality because the ruling Jatiya Party controls 251 of the 300-seat house elected last March in polls remarkable, if nothing else, for their low turnout.

But many Bangladeshis are worried that the fall-out from the Bill will endanger the country's fragile political stability. The mainstream opposition, the Awami League, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and their allies — which are not represented in Parliament because of a boycott of the March election — have threatened to take the issue onto the streets.

"The Government is trying to fan communalism and take attention away from the campaign on democracy, rising prices and unemployment," said Sheikha Hasina Wazed, aged 43, and the daughter and political heir of the country's founder-President, Sheikh Mujib ur-Rahman.

Sheikh Mujib, killed by right-wing army officers in a coup on August 15, 1975, gave equal status to all religions — Islam, Hinduism, Christianity and Buddhism — although the last three made up less than 15 per cent of the population.

His successor, General Zia ur-Rahman, introduced Koranic verses into the Constitution and dealt the first blow to secularist principles in order to appease pro-Islamic groups in his Government.

Fears that state recognition of Islam would spur Muslim activism in the 250,000 mosques and religious schools in Bangladesh have been growing.

"The Government is treading in a sensitive area and can make the country a victim of fanatical feelings," said Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, president of the Supreme Court Bar Association and one of the 31 intellectuals who signed a press statement calling for the withdrawal of the Bill.

But General Ershad says that he sees no danger of social tension in Islam becoming a state religion. He emphasized that he would like Islamic values firmly established in society when he addressed a recent conference of Muslim religious teachers. "We should declare a *jihad* (holy war) for an Islamic way of life," he said.

In Dhaka, Western diplomats tend to agree with government officials that nothing much would change in society immediately after Islam is made the official religion. But they fear that it would trigger demands from fundamentalist parties to declare an Islamic republic and change secular laws inherited from the British Raj.

"In an Islamic state, non-Muslims will become second-class citizens," said Mr Anukul Chandradev, the head of the Hindu League.

Bangladesh has been free of communal disturbances since independence from Pakistan in December, 1971, but memories of the traumatic experience of the 1947 Hindu-Muslim fighting during the partition of British India are still fresh among older Bangladeshis. A university teacher lamented: "A whole generation has grown up in a secular climate, but there are attempts to recreate the superheated atmosphere of hatred and bitterness of the 1940s."

The most vocal protests against Islamization have come from women's rights groups, who dubbed the government move a new conspiracy to force women to live behind the veil.

Their fears have not been without foundation. An Islamic newspaper, *Inqilab* which is owned by the Religious Affairs Minister, last week asked state television authorities to force their woman announcers to cover up before appearing on screen.

US 'backed Singapore rebel'

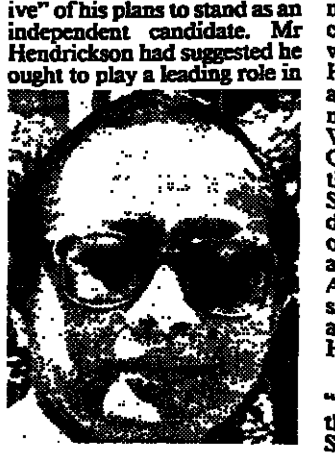
From Gavin Bell, Singapore

Singapore has renewed its attacks on a US diplomat and State Department officials after extracting a confession from a prominent local lawyer that they had encouraged him to run against the Government in general elections.

However, a statement by the Home Affairs Ministry yesterday stopped short of accusing Washington of sanctioning the "gross interference" in Singapore's politics, or of providing the lawyer with campaign funds.

The latest protest was based on a statutory declaration attributed to Mr Francis Seow, a former Solicitor-General and President of the Law Society, who was detained under the controversial Internal Security Act (ISA) two weeks ago. Four days after his arrest, Singapore requested the recall of Mr Mason Hendrickson, a First Secretary at the US Embassy. Washington complied, but rejected the charges against him and expelled a Singaporean diplomat in retaliation.

Mr Seow, aged 59, who is still in detention, was quoted as saying that the diplomat and two State Department officials had been "supportive" of his plans to stand as an independent candidate. Mr Hendrickson had suggested he ought to play a leading role in establishing a more effective opposition in Parliament.



Mr Francis Seow: Asked about political asylum.

A curious aspect of Mr Seow's confession was that he asked both American and British diplomats whether he might be granted political asylum "if anything should happen to me . .. to help secure refuge for me when needed". The ministry concluded that he had tried "to weave a safety net for himself. He wanted to make sure of asylum somewhere if he needed it." Sir Hamilton Whyte, then the British High Commissioner, was praised by the ministry for giving Mr Seow a negative response, and declining either to encourage or discourage his political aspirations. The more positive American replies "stand in sharp contrast to the correct and proper reaction of Sir Hamilton Whyte", it said.

The statement said that the "operation" had continued through several changes of State Department personnel.

But in an apparent attempt to avoid straining relations with the Americans to breaking point, it added that Singapore "does not allege . . . that the improper behaviour of Hendrickson and the others was sanctioned by the US Government".

French mainland linked to Île de Ré

Ecologists condemn impact of bridge

From Philip Jacobson, La Rochelle

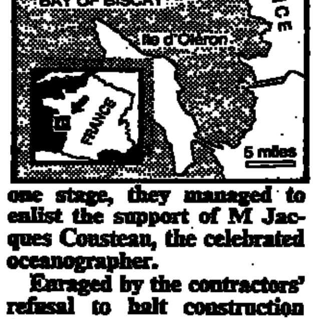
As the first vehicles rolled across a striking new bridge that links the Île de Ré with the French mainland this week, conservationist groups vowed to continue their demands for special measures to protect the ecology of one of France's most beautiful offshore outposts.

An impassioned statement from the World Wide Fund for Nature which had battled hard against the two-mile bridge, warned of the danger that "a massive invasion of cars" posed to the island's "fragile" natural attraction, especially its abundant bird life.

Even as tourists from all over France began passing through the bridge's toll booths on the La Rochelle side, the World Wide Fund for Nature still maintained that the project is unlawful. The organization's objections reflect the long, often heated, controversy that has surrounded the £53 million undertaking since it was announced about 14 years ago. Until Thursday, the only way to reach Île de Ré from the port of La Rochelle was by ferry. This entailed a trip of at least 20 minutes and for drivers in summer the near certainty of a long wait on both sides. Even so, the tranquil charms of the island have long attracted vast crowds of tourists.

With the crossing now reduced to a couple of minutes by car, congestion on the narrow country roads is certain to increase.

The 13,000 inhabitants of Île de Re have gradually split into two camps: the *pontistes*, who basically welcome the benefits of increased tourism (and the convenience of being able to whizz over to the mainland) and the hard-core preservationists, already fed up with bumper-to-bumper traffic and fearful of the impact of even more visitors pouring over from what many regard as the big bad neighbour on the other side of the graceful span. Opponents of the bridge were still fighting a rearguard legal action to prevent it opening when the last of the huge concrete sections was being hoisted into place. At one stage, they managed to enlist the support of M Jacques Cousteau, the celebrated oceanographer.



Enraged by the contractors' refusal to halt construction following a court ruling that the project may have been improperly undertaken, M Cousteau hired bulldozers and cement mixers and, attended by TV cameras, set about constructing his own illegal "bridge" on a *quai* in the middle of Paris, to the bemusement of a passing policeman.

Controversy aside, the aesthetic appeal of the new bridge is undeniable: its 28 piles carry it up a long, graceful rise to a point about 100 ft above the grey Atlantic water before curving back to land again. Completed six weeks ahead of schedule, it now awaits the annual summer invasion of what we must start calling the *presqu'île de Ré*.

● **Yachting saga:** A French yacht leaves today from the Normandy port of Honfleur to retrace the route that the 10th-century Viking Leis Ericsson took to reach Canada from Greenland (AFP reports from Paris). The expedition will also gather data en route for the French Government, on the formation of icebergs and ice floes in the Labrador Sea.

King sacks officials for deaths at stadium

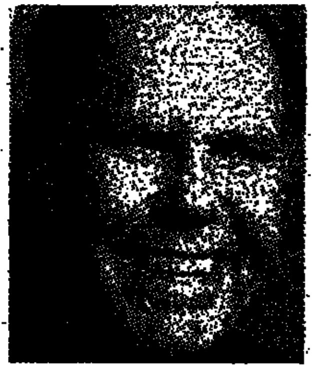
Kathmandu (Reuter) — King Birendra sacked the Nepalese Sports Council after an inquiry held it responsible for the deaths of 70 people in a soccer stadium stampede.

A statement said that the King had accepted the resignation of the Education Minister, Mr Keshar Bahadur, who, as council chairman, took moral responsibility for the tragedy in March.

The one-man inquiry found the council had not supervised the stadium properly or made adequate security arrangements for the match, which ended in disaster when a hailstorm sent people rushing for the exit. In addition to the 70 killed, 97 people were hurt

Chile shooting

Santiago (Reuter) — A Chilean policeman was shot dead by suspected left-wing guerrillas in the fifth fatal attack on a member of the security forces in the capital this year.



Cartoon voice

Los Angeles — Charles Butler, pictured above, the voice of popular cartoon characters such as Yogi Bear, Huckleberry Hound, Quick Draw McGraw and Wally Gator, has died, aged 71. Mr Butler is pictured here with Huckleberry Hound, with whom he was associated for 30 years.

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Air collision

Sydney — Four people were killed when two planes collided in mid-air near Coolangatta, Queensland.

Smoking ban

Nicosia (Reuter) — Cypriots will face £600 fines if they smoke in buses, libraries or even discotheques from September 1 this year.

Harrier crash

Bonn — An RAF Harrier jump-jet crashed shortly after take off. in West Germany. The pilot, Flight-Lieutenant Paul Adams, aged 29, was killed.

Student bomb

Seoul (AP) — Radical students hurled six home-made bombs into the US Embassy here, injuring a police officer as anti-government protests continued for a fourth day.

Seals dying

Copenhagen (AP) — Hundreds of seals in Danish waters are dying of pneumonia, and the epidemic could spread to marine mammals in the Baltic Sea, a biologist said.

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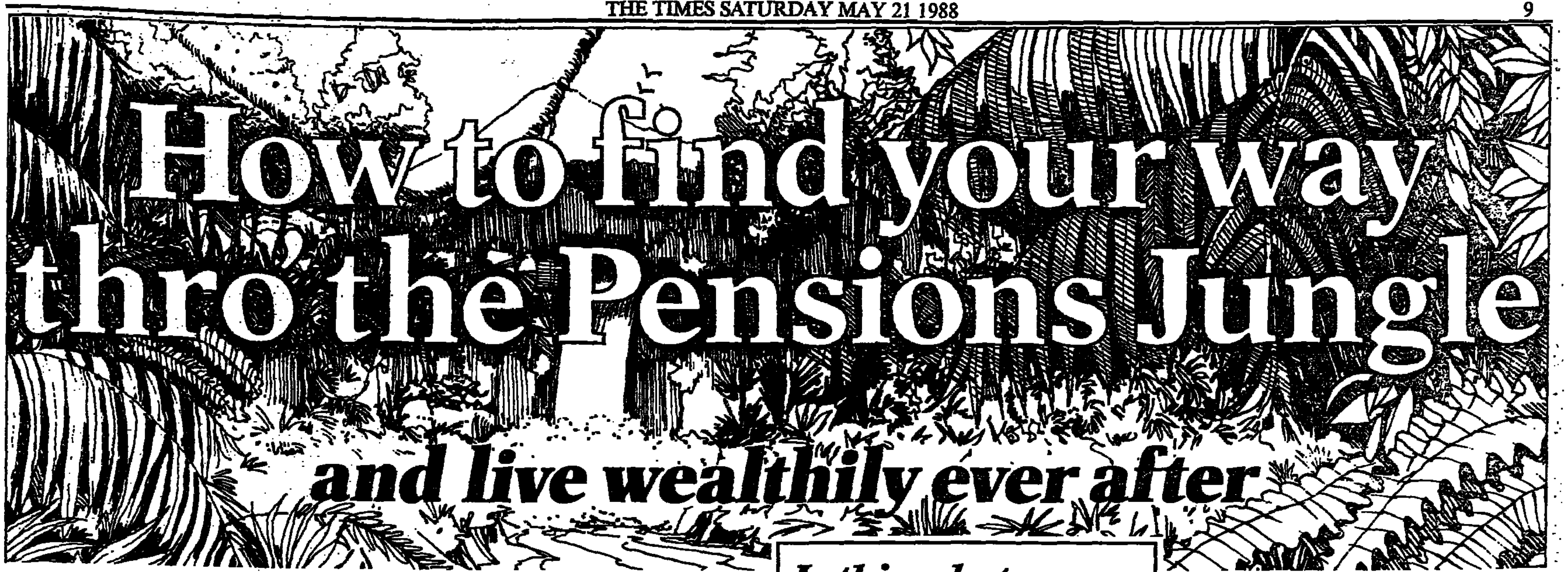
How to find your way thro' the Pensions Jungle

and live wealthily ever after



We agree. The whole business of buying a pension has become a **jungle**. Today, there is such a tangled undergrowth of jargon, rules and regulations that only an expert would find his way through the average pensions brochure.

Here are a few examples of the creatures who inhabit the pensions jungle:
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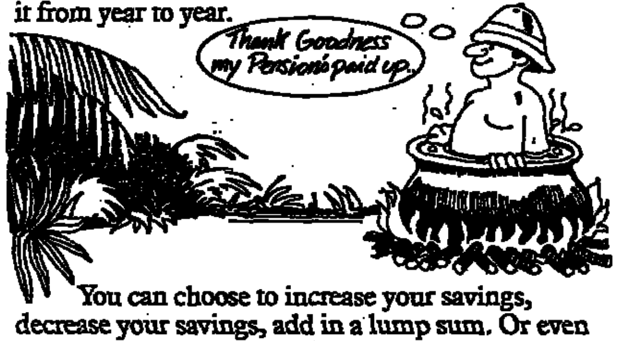
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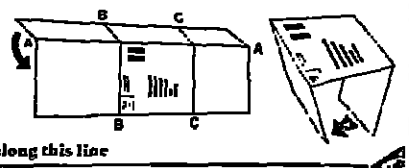

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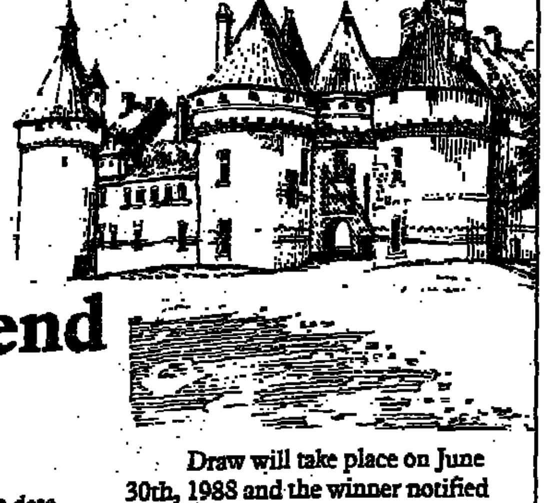

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TIMES DIARY

SIMON BARNES

Can it be? Is it really true that English sport is rocketing into the 20th century? An MCC member fears as much: "Did you know there is a woman in the pavilion?" he asked the doorman. "A *woman*, sir?" And there was. Very respectable, perfectly sure of herself, and carrying a pair of binoculars. Utter panic. Had the sun gone out and the stars shifted in their courses? For the lady was on lawful business. She was none other than Dr Mickey Day, the Middlesex club doctor, checking up on players in the physio room. Three cheers for Middlesex for appointing her, I say.

Congratulations also to the lady who somehow got into the sacred Long Room itself. She blithely, and in blissful ignorance of the enshrined prejudices of the place, wandered in to glance at a Rank Xerox promotion that seemed to be going on. Apparently the doorman failed to spot her: this is an achievement on a par with sneaking up on the blind side of Cerberus. In fact, the same doorman used often to try to keep Phil Edmonds out of the pavilion (and who shall blame him for that?). "I'm not wearing a tie because I'm playing in the match!" Edmonds would roar.

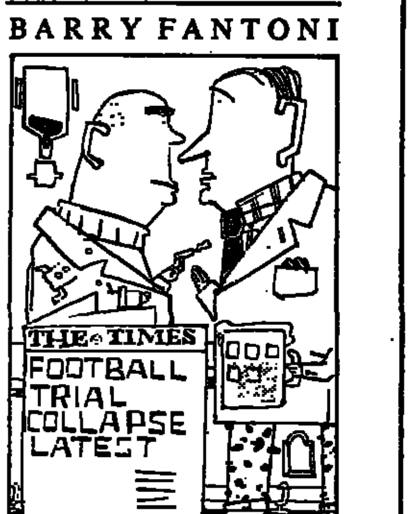
There is, of course, no chance at all of Henley Royal Regatta moving into the 20th century. Women at Henley are supposed to wear hats, not to move boats about at lightning speeds. So the doughty legions of oarswomen are having their own Henley, and thereby win another bout of cheers from this column. Henley Women's Regatta will be held on June 17 and 18, and contestants will row the course backwards, finishing at Temple Island. They hope the event will become a focal point for women's rowing in the summer; I wish them sparkling weather and splendid sport.

● **Thanks to all those who have written to point out omissions in the recent list of first-class cricketers who have FA Cup winner's medals. The most notable absentee from the list was Jim Standen of Worcestershire and West Ham. In 1964, his *annus mirabilis*, Worcestershire won the county championship and Standen not only got his Wembley medal but topped the bowling averages.**

Here is a debating point for all those who wish to discuss whether English football teams should be allowed back into Europe. With the summer's European championships in mind, Enzo Bearzot, former manager of Italy and vice-president of the Italian FA, has just been on a goodwill mission to West Germany where he gave out T-shirts emblazoned with the Italian flag and the words Il Calcio e Amore — Football is Love. T-shirts relevant to the championships are also available in England. They read: "English invasion of Germany 1988".

Well, that's straightforward enough, but what are we to make of the exchange of correspondence between 10-year-old John Littlewood and the Welsh Rugby Union? "I was watching the match against France on telly," John wrote, "and the French all sang their national anthem. But some of the Welsh players didn't even open their mouths." Tony Gray, the Welsh coach, wrote back to explain that some were too nervous to sing, and others didn't know the words. But he said he would introduce a choir practice after training sessions for which players had already been issued with a brochure containing the words of the anthem and various Welsh ditties. Normal jingoism will be resumed as soon as possible.

BARRY FANTONI



'They'd be better off calling in the pools panel'

Here I report a saga of horror and humiliation that must be casting a pall over the Australian Bicentennial. Perhaps the most significant event of the whole shindig was the inaugural World Boomerang Cup, which was contested by seven nations. Australia, the natural champions, were beaten into second place by the United States, thanks to an inspiring performance by the American captain, Chet Snouffer of Delaware. Each nation had a three-man team judged on accuracy, fast catching, maximum time aloft and distance. France finished third, with West Germany fourth, Switzerland fifth, the Netherlands sixth and Japan seventh. Oddly, there was no British boomerang team to wish the Australians many happy returns.

● **Quote of the week: from Teddy Tinling, the tennis person, on Gabriela Sabatini, winner of the Italian Open: "She's beautiful, but she walks like John Wayne." I suggest this says more about Mr Tinling than it does about Miss Sabatini. And perhaps he should change the "but" to "and".**

I notice, to my sudden shock, horror and amazement, that so far I have not mentioned Eddie Edwards this week. But never fear; here is a fascinating fact about British ski-jumping. For I can reveal that Eddie Edwards is not, after all, the first man from Cheltenham to ski-jump at the Olympics. He follows in the tracks of Percy Legard, who went to Cheltenham College. In the 1936 winter Olympics Legard contested the Nordic combined event, which is cross-country skiing and ski-jumping. He finished 34th of 43. He also appeared in the 1932 summer Games in the pentathlon, and yet again in the winter Games in 1948, in the winter pentathlon, an event that has never been held since. Eddie has a way to go before he equals that, but this column is cheering him all the way.

David Alton on the opportunity for MPs to think again

Saving the Abortion Bill

On May 6 the Abortion (Amendment) Bill was talked out. At Second Reading it had a majority of 45 — with 296 MPs drawn from 10 parties giving it the biggest pro-life vote ever. After 30 hours of debate in committee the Bill was presented for Report and it contained options for a new upper time limit beyond which abortions would not be permitted at 18, 20, 22, 24 and 26 weeks. MPs had the chance to vote upon each of these options in turn.

In the event, although the debate was completed, there was insufficient time to complete the voting. Much of the time allocated for the debate was dissipated by points of order, petitions and long speeches.

Since May 6 two fallacies have been reiterated *ad nauseam* by opponents of the Bill. The first is that if it had been set at 24 weeks it would have had a consensus and would have been enacted. The second is that different tactics might have ensured a different result.

Pro-life MPs are prepared to see a vote at 24 weeks and if earlier options are defeated we will accept the verdict of the House. However, let us be clear that a limit set at the end of the 24th week, which would include several "exceptions", would not save a single one of the 172,000 babies aborted last year.

Twenty-four weeks may have consensus support among pro-abortion MPs, but it most certainly does not have votes because they are well aware that the consensus in the House is for something lower than 24 weeks.

The issue is clear. At 18 or 20 weeks the child has sentience, can feel pain, has all the characteristics of humanity and in a late abortion it is either dismembered in the barbaric process of dilation and evacuation or by the prostaglandins method. This leads to cases like that of the Carlisle baby which was aborted at 21 weeks and left to struggle for life for three hours before being dropped in a black sack and incinerated. Twenty-four weeks would not have saved that child's life.

As for our tactics: since 1975 every pro-life Bill achieved a majority at Second Reading and all 15 pro-life Bills have been thwarted by small groups of opponents using every trick in the book. However, public and political opinion has undoubtedly altered radically, and no pro-life Bill has got further than this one. When the Prime Minister says it is all a matter of tactics, it is surely incumbent upon her to explain to Enoch Powell, Bill Benyon and all the other sponsors of talked-out Bills precisely what tactics should have been deployed.

Throughout all its stages my own Bill has had a pro-life majority. Opinion in the House has moved a long way since 1967 when only 29 MPs voted against the Third Reading of David Steel's Bill. His was the seventh attempt to enact abortion legislation. The government of the day gave it an additional 25 hours of time to complete its stages. The present government, despite a Commons motion signed by 120 backbench MPs and supported by many ministers and parliamentary private secretaries, has said it will not even provide compensatory time in lieu of that which was lost on May 6.

If no controversial Private Member's initiative is to be allowed to complete its stages it will set the 1967 Abortion Act in concrete. This places it in a unique constitutional position. It becomes a great untouchable.

The Government is faced with several choices. It can wait until October, when pro-life MPs will return with another Bill and will again force the House and the country to consider an upper time limit for abortions set some 59 years ago in the Infant Life Preservation Act. Alternatively, the Leader of the House could present Parliament with a motion enabling the House itself to decide whether the compensatory time needed to complete the votes and the debate on Third Reading should be provided. There is one other option.

Earlier this week pro-life MPs tabled a new clause to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill. This Bill is shortly to have its Report Stage and the new clause will allow the provisions of my one-clause Bill to be voted upon.

The Clerk has ruled that this is in order. At Question Time this week Michael Foot complained that this would create an undesirable precedent. He should be aware that in 1981, while he was Leader of the Opposition, a new clause was added to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill in order to extend the homosexuality laws to Scotland. This was moved by one of his front benchers and — without any consideration at a Second Reading or in committee — was duly incorporated into the Bill. There are other examples. After Neil Carmichael's Private Member's Bill on seat belts was talked out over one and a half days it was later incorporated in the 1980 Transport Act.

Furthermore, for weeks now the Government has been saying that the House will be given a free vote during the Report Stage of the Criminal Justice Bill on whether the death penalty should be restored. This is another of those great 1960s "conscience" questions dealt with by Private Members' legislation but assisted on to the statute book by the government of the day.

If our new clause is selected by the Speaker it will allow the House to take up from where it left off on May 6. I think it is extraordinary that Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader of the Opposition, should have personally intervened in approaching the Speaker to try to prevent a free vote on this new clause.

If one of the options now before the House is not pursued it will demonstrate the total inability of Parliament to deal with issues about which millions feel deeply, but which fall outside the normal scope of party politics. If our opponents believe that they can win a consensus at 24 weeks let them put that to the test. The clause now tabled gives them the opportunity to win a vote on the floor of the House. What are they frightened of?

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Michael Glenny

Glasnost's curtain raiser

A mini-festival of Soviet theatre will be staged this weekend at the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith — the venue last July of Anatoly Vasiliev's production of Viktor Slavkin's captivating play *Cerceau*, described by one delighted critic as "half Chekhov, half Pinter". In fact it is claimed by Konstantin Rudnitsky, Russia's most respected theatre historian and critic, that Vasiliev is the nearest to a genius of all the younger generation of Russian stage directors.

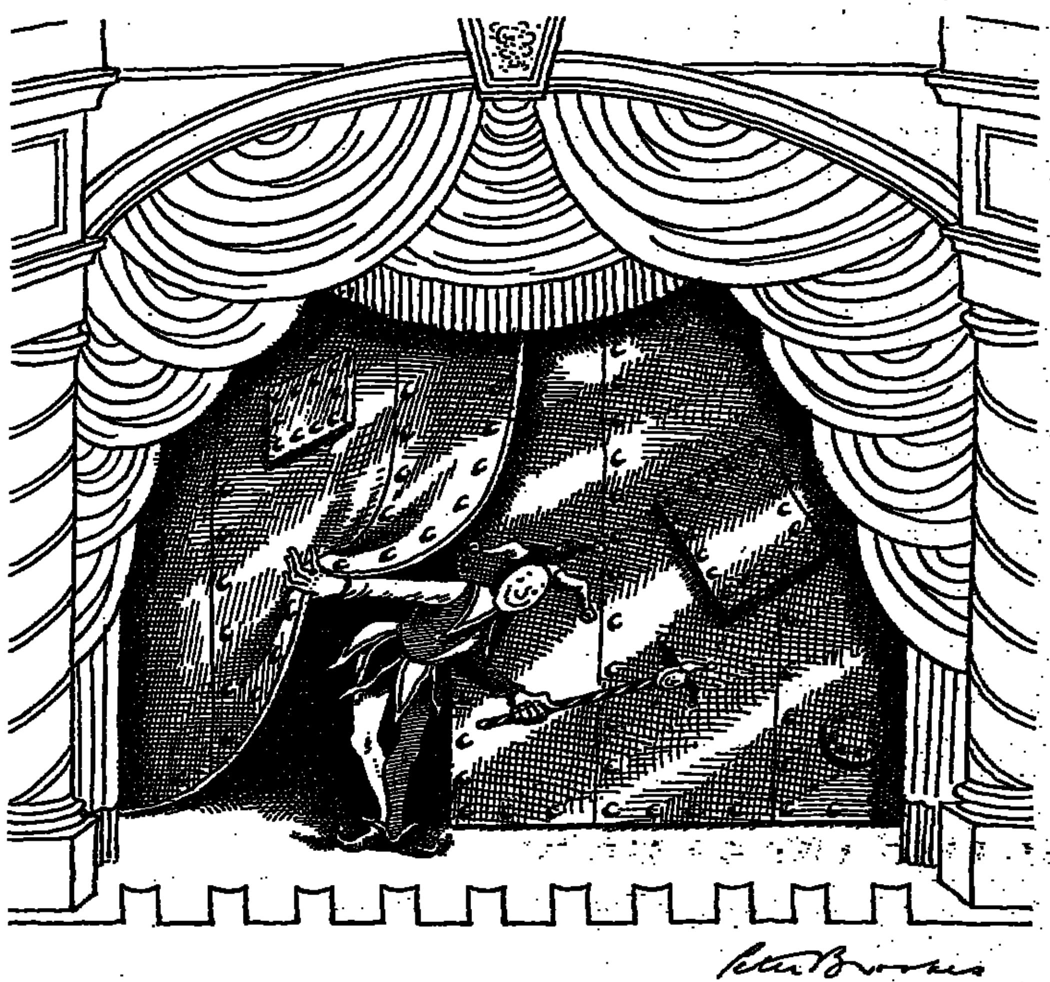
By a happy coincidence (or perhaps by careful design), Rudnitsky's own unparalleled work of history, *Russian and Soviet Theatre*, was published by Thames and Hudson on Monday, the day the Leningrad Mali Theatre Company arrived in London to stage another startling new Russian play, Alexander Galin's *Stars in the Morning Sky*, also at the Riverside Studios. Greeted by enthusiastic reviews when it was presented at the Glasgow Mayfest, *Stars in the Morning Sky* will run in London until May 28, to be followed by performances in Toronto.

Yet even these British tours of probably the two most adventurous plays in the current Soviet repertoire are quite modest compared with the festival of modern Russian drama in Munich in February at which half a dozen or so new plays were performed. At the same time, their authors, directors and actors took part in open public debates on the role of the Soviet theatre in the era of *glasnost*.

This month has also witnessed a voyage in the other direction — back to Moscow for a visit — by the brightest star in the Russian theatrical sky, the director Yurii Lyubimov, who only a few years ago was stripped of his Soviet citizenship and apparently banned for ever from the Soviet Union. Now holding an Israeli passport, Lyubimov was not only allowed to return to his beloved Taganka Theatre in Moscow but was able to rehearse and stage his production of *Boris Godunov*. The banning of this work under the Brezhnev regime was one of the straws that finally broke Lyubimov's back and induced him to precipitate his exile with a bitter attack on the pre-Gorbachov policies of cultural repression.

When Lyubimov took a curtain call after the première, the ovation given to him broke all bounds; the audience stood for a good 20 minutes, clapping, stamping and chanting rhythmically: "Stay here! Don't go back!" Lyubimov has told the Soviet government that he will return to work in Moscow only if he is allowed unconditional freedom to accept invitations to direct plays abroad.

A big contribution to making this weekend into a Soviet theatre festival at the Riverside Studios is the presence of an assembly of playwrights, directors and actors from the Soviet Union — yet another example of the high profile that the theatre has assumed in the cultural politics of *glasnost*. The group consists of five playwrights: Mikhail Shatrov, Alexander Galin, Alexei Dudarev, Nina Sadur and Kazie Saya (the latter from Lithuania); the Leningrad director Lev Dodin; the critic Alexander Svobodin; and Mikhail Shvidkoi, editor of the influential monthly magazine *Theatre*.



In a series of conferences and translated play readings, they are meeting the public, the media and fellow theatricals for a series of wide-ranging discussions. The remarkable significance of the theatre in spreading *glasnost* is stressed above all by the presence of Mikhail Shatrov, who recently exploded a theatrical bombshell with his play *The Peace of Brest-Litovsk*, in which for the first time Trotsky — assassinated on Stalin's orders — appeared as a character on the Soviet stage portrayed entirely objectively as the close — if argumentative — colleague of Lenin.

Shatrov's newest play, *Onward, Onward, Onward!*, has had even greater political repercussions and is so controversial that even in these days of *glasnost* its staging has so far been delayed by forces within the Communist Party who want to put a brake on the truthful and uninhibited discussion of the mistakes and disasters that have marked the Soviet state's 70-odd years of existence. Shatrov wants the play to open next month just before the party conference — an event that most observers predict will make or break Gorbachov's drive to push through the reforms that he sees as essential for the Soviet Union's very survival. Optimistic sources in Moscow predict that despite attempts to keep it off the stage, *Onward, Onward, Onward!* will open on time.

By now it must be clear that the Russian theatre vibrates with political and social overtones that are unique in the Soviet context and have little in common with the entertainment-oriented commercial theatre in the non-communist world.

Given the lack of truly open representative institutions and uncensored media, the theatre has long assumed the role of a forum, indeed — literally — a stage for public debate. Even under Stalin's repressive rule the theatre managed to survive as probably the only medium through which Soviet citizens could reflect on their true attitudes to social, ideological and moral issues. The secret of its survival and of the special role it has played in Soviet society is to be found in the very nature of theatre itself.

None of the official censorial watchdogs was ever totally effective in countering the fact that every theatre performance is a live, new, and in a sense a unique event. Directors and actors have therefore always been able, by the simplest of stage techniques — a gesture, a wink, a raised eyebrow, a tone of voice — to invest even the most politically orthodox script with comic, ironic or subversive meanings that were absent from the performance put on for the special censors' viewing of the play.

Thus, thanks to its inbuilt potential for elusive flexibility and ambiguity, the Soviet theatre proved in the past to be the most difficult of all art forms to control to the same extent as other media — books, films, radio, newspapers and television. Even during the worst periods of repression of the arts it seemed, too, that the theatre was allowed a certain degree of leeway in what could be said or implied on the stage compared with what was permitted in other arts forms.

In part this was a tacit recognition of the "ambiguity factor", but also it was because the Soviet regime understood that the theatre audience is effectively drawn from the intelligentsia, a numerically small but functionally vital part of society (it is, after all, the brains of the Soviet state), and the party leadership has realized that this well-educated, important social stratum cannot be fobbed off with the mixture of folk dancing, Second World War pathos and ice hockey that are the staple ingredients of "official" mass culture in the Soviet Union.

Thanks to the limited jesters' licence accorded to it, the Soviet theatre has traditionally been both a substitute for a truly free forum of ideas and, at the same time, a kind of tolerated safety valve through which the intelligentsia has been able to blow off steam relatively harmlessly, instead of letting its frustrations and discontent build up into dangerous oppositional ideas. In other words, the theatre was in an important respect the forerunner of *glasnost*, and it is now boldly expanding that role.

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Commentary • MICHAEL KINSLEY

Road to Rio

Washington

Around here, it's widely regarded as one of the dumbest things Michael Dukakis ever said. Early in the presidential campaign he declared that the Monroe Doctrine had been "superseded" by the Rio Treaty. This, it is held, exposed the apparent Democratic nominee as a foreign policy *naïf* who is unfit to be the free world's commander-in-chief.

The Monroe Doctrine is the 19th-century principle that the United States would guard the American continents against interference by the European powers. It is taken by its greatest enthusiasts to give the US a sort of military *carte blanche* in the Americas. The Rio Treaty is the founding document of the Organization of American States, pledging all member nations to respect the sovereignty of the others and to act only jointly to protect regional security. Dukakis's remark has become shorthand for the general proposition that US policy — not only in Latin America — should be based on co-operation among allies rather than unilateral superpower prerogative.

No foreign policy notion could be more out of keeping with the spirit of the Reagan era. But how naïve *is* the Dukakis doctrine? The past couple of months have offered two humbling lessons in the perils of unilateralism.

If ever there was a country the US thought it could push around, it was Honduras. We flooded it with aid, ignored human rights abuses and drugs corruption in the army and used it as a staging ground for the Contra war in neighbouring Nicaragua. Then we snatched a notorious international drugs tycoon in violation of the Honduran constitution, which forbids extradition, and the country erupted in fury. Meanwhile, Panama — a country whose currency is the US dollar — will not dislodge the dictatorial Manuel Noriega despite every possible encouragement short of an invasion.

Here are six dry-eyed reasons why it makes sense for American foreign policy to be "held hostage" to the views of other nations.

First, there is the burden of history. It may seem irrational to Americans that today's efforts to rid the world of a murderous drugs dealer or to liberate Panama from a thug should be judged on the basis of past, less admirable, US initiatives in Latin America. But Latin nations will always resent *Yanqui* interference, however noble. That's why Hondurans rioted and why Castro's Cuba and Pinochet's Chile both oppose our campaign against Panama.

Second, multilateralism is a useful reality test. Although US judgement cannot be compared to the views of lesser countries, their interpretation of events is sometimes interesting. They wonder, for example, why Noriega is suddenly so intolerable when we had him on the CIA payroll for two decades and turned a blind eye to his drugs dealing as long as he was helping us fight the Contra war. They wonder how our indifference to the Honduran constitution fits in with our professed interest in promoting democracy and the rule of law in their region.

Third, the only foreign policy you can run on a truly unilateral basis is isolationism. If the US wishes to interfere in countries not on its own borders, it needs the co-operation of countries on *their* borders. The Soviet Union has ways of getting co-operation without asking politely, but America tries to be subtler.

Fourth, the US is simply not prepared to bear the burden of an aggressive, unilateral foreign policy. Even Ronald Reagan has never proposed it. Instead, he has run a free-lunch foreign policy, which attempts to get the benefits of aggression without paying the cost in American blood and dollars. Seeking the co-operation of other nations in our campaign to improve the world is not a covert retreat into isolationism. It's the only practical alternative to isolationism.

Fifth, outside Latin America, there is the question of burden sharing. Americans are eager for Western Europe and Japan to pay more of the cost of our mutual defence. You can't very well ask that and then refuse a greater role in the decision making.

Sixth, it is useful not to be seen as blithely indifferent to treaty commitments. Every violation of one treaty undermines the authority of all the others.

The United States never will, and never should, be shackled completely to acting in unison with our weak and contentious southern neighbours. But there's a big difference between imperfectly honouring an aspiration and treating it with contempt. There's nothing at all naïve about asserting that the values implied in the Rio Treaty are a sounder basis for American foreign policy in the late 20th century than the values implied in the Monroe Doctrine.

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SCIENCE REPORT

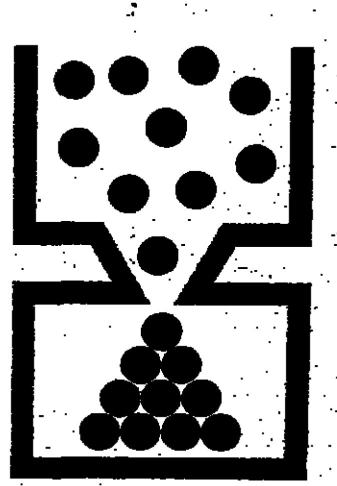
Hidden messages

The doctrine that the character of an organism is exclusively determined by its genes will be modified significantly by developments in the molecular biology of trypanosomes, the parasites responsible for sleeping sickness.

The discovery, reported in this week's issue of the US journal *Cell*, is that the molecules transcribing genetic information from some of the trypanosome genes are substantially modified chemically, by means not yet identified, before the information they carry is translated into action, as when used to specify the structure of protein molecules.

News that the chemicals carrying genetic messages are "edited" before use raises the disturbing question of where else than in the genes themselves can the genetic information be changed. Even if it turns out that the editing process is genetically controlled, there will remain the puzzle of the evolutionary advantage of a two-stage mechanism for processing genetic information.

Although the new evidence concerns an organism exceptional, even among pathogens, for the ease with which its external chemical characteristics change (which is why vaccines against sleeping sickness are unsuccessful), the mere suggestion that individual genes are not self-sufficient will significantly modify current views of how genes function.



Richard Leadbetter

The discovery that RNA messages may be drastically edited, reported by Jean E. Feagin, John M. Abraham and Kenneth Stuart of the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute, ranks with other recent findings that the transcription of genetic DNA into messenger RNA is not always faithful.

For just over a decade, it has been known that some parts of DNA genes are not converted into messenger RNA, although the function (if any) of these "introns" is not yet understood. Earlier, the simplest view of genetic function was more radically disturbed by the discovery that genetic information carried by RNA could be converted backwards, into DNA form, in cells infected by viruses using RNA to carry genetic information.

Feagin and her colleagues uncovered genetic editing while searching for the gene in trypanosomes that directs the assembly of the protein enzyme called cytochrome oxidase subunit III, essential for the conversion of external chemicals ("food") into chemicals usable by cells as energy.

Working on the guiding principle that comparable organisms are, most probably, genetically alike, the researchers were at first surprised that the gene could not be found where it had already been located in a species of a single-celled organism responsible for the tropical disease leishmaniasis.

Then they realized that the region of DNA in which they had sought the enzyme gene contains more than two-fifths of what they had expected, but that of the four chemical components from which DNA molecules are strung together, one (known as thymidine) is systematically absent. Yet the corresponding component of the RNA molecule (uridine) has, surprisingly, been restored, pointing to a mechanism that somehow chops an RNA molecule apart, inserts the appropriate number of missing units at the right place and then puts it back together.

The essence of the puzzle is how the trypanosome cell can know how many of the missing units to insert just where. The Seattle group finds some messenger molecules have been only partly edited, arguing that the editing process follows the production of the RNA messages.

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DEFENCE AND DUKAKIS

Mr Michael Dukakis's lead in the opinion polls is beginning to impinge on Western Europe. The election in six months' time could bring not just a new president, but a different party and political philosophy to the White House. A generation of Old World leaders who have grown up alongside the Reagan Administration will face the unwelcome prospect of change.

The Reagan presidency has meant stability for Nato — not just because it has lasted for eight years. Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary for most of that time, was a powerful Atlanticist who stood for strong defence and allied unity. With successive secretaries of state, Mr Alexander Haig and Mr George Shultz, he personified US support for post-war Europe — from the Brezhnev era to that of Mikhail Gorbachov, from the deployment of Intermediate Nuclear Forces to the treaty signalling their withdrawal. Through the Falklands War, which tested US loyalty, Washington's support for the old order remained solid.

Would a Dukakis presidency bring fundamental change? So far, the Massachussetts Governor (he has to negotiate the party convention in July before being declared the Democratic candidate) has tried to sound more pro-Nato than Ronald Reagan. Unlike the current president, he says, he would always consult his allies before doing anything. While not ruling out unilateral action in defence of American interests, his priority would be joint endeavour.

That is rather like preaching motherhood and apple pie. Insistence on togetherness would have ruled out the intervention in Grenada, the bombing of Tripoli and military aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. The Reagan Administration, he has complained, has too often preferred force to diplomacy.

On the occasions when he has strayed into foreign policy areas, Mr Dukakis has stressed the need for international action against South Africa; support for the Arias peace plan in Central America; an arms embargo on both sides in the Gulf War; and an easing of foreign debt in the Third World.

None of that is unpredictable or (from a European perspective) too disturbing. Vice-President Bush has compared his probable rival with ex-President Carter — which has been almost a term of abuse since 1980. But Dukakis has probably learnt from Carter's experience. And comparisons with George McGovern are unfair. He is neither pacifist nor isolationist, and his pro-Western stance *vis-à-vis* Moscow is unequivocal. The "brains trust" of intellectual Democrats who have advised him represents the liberal but defence-minded cream of Harvard's Kennedy School and MIT.

His commitment to defence spending seems less firm. No future president is likely to match Mr Reagan's enthusiasm for SDI, so his stated intention to cut the SDI budget by two-thirds may be less exceptional than it seems. But he is also opposed to both the MX and Midgetman missiles. He is pro-Trident and pro-Stealth bomber and in favour of keeping America's conventional forces strong. But he has promised to keep all military spending under "close scrutiny". This may win him votes on that side of the Atlantic but will hardly win him many friends on this one. He may also find, like President Carter did, that he has given away too many bargaining chips too early, if he wants to make real progress on arms control.

He may discover, moreover, if he becomes president, that consensus among the allies can be elusive. His commitment to consult the Europeans will be popular in Brussels and the other Nato capitals — especially after Reykjavik. But a president who is loath to act alone may then find it impossible to do anything. American presidents, like British prime ministers, have to adjust to political realities when they exchange the freedoms of opposition for the constraints of power.

But Europe too must adjust in time if Mr Dukakis wins the election in November. At present, he seems dedicated to retaining American troops in Western Europe, but that commitment may be less firm when subjected to political pressures within America. Although 90 per cent of Nato forces in Europe are European, the old issue of burden-sharing is once more alive. A special group is being set up to examine the arguments and emerge with satisfactory solutions before the end of this year. This might help to pre-empt any US reductions in troop strengths. But Europeans should prepare to be co-operative if they want to keep the alliance strong in what could be an era of change and readjustment.

The report which was published this week by the North Atlantic Assembly underlined not only the need to maintain Nato as a strong and effective alliance in the age of *glasnost*, but recognized too the need to re-examine strategic priorities at the highest level and seek to strengthen its European "pillar". The need to respond to new perceptions in America must be impressed upon allied governments.

How profoundly these perceptions may change in the event of a Democrat victory remains unclear. But some change there will be — and the allies and Mr Dukakis will have to learn how to live with each other.

A CASE FOR TREATMENT

The outbreak of legionnaires' disease centred on Broadcasting House in London has so far claimed the lives of two people and affected the health of dozens more. Because some of those who contracted the illness have never been inside Broadcasting House, the spread of the illness raises the frightening spectre of a supergerm which descends at random on any individual living or walking in its vicinity.

For the victims, there is scant consolation in the statement by Professor Donald Acheson, the Chief Medical Officer at the DHSS, that the disease is wholly avoidable. None the less, it has been recognized in scientific circles for some time that no one need die of legionnaires' disease.

Although the bacteria which can produce it are common in water and even in the ground, they become dangerous to man only when inhaled. For this, they have to be present in drops of water mixed with air. Such mixing almost always takes place in man-made circumstances, such as air-conditioning systems. Despite this, the disease is still more widespread than it should be.

A recent survey by the Public Health Laboratory Service found *legionella* present in the hot and cold water systems of no less than 70 per cent of all British hospitals and 67 per cent of hotels. Fortunately, they only flourish at particular temperatures, and they still have to get into the air. Moreover, only a small proportion of the population, mostly elderly people with respiratory problems, are at risk. Most people are highly resistant to the disease.

This, however, in no way diminishes the responsibility of institutions to minimize the risk wherever possible. Only about 200 people contract legionnaires' disease in Britain each year, this is still 200 too many. According to expert opinion, the bacteria can be killed by the addition of a simple chlorine substance to the water tanks at intervals of a few months. This process is relatively cheap, though older or more complicated systems with parts in which water stagnates may need treating more often.

These facts were re-emphasized to British firms and institutions in guidelines issued over a year ago by the Health and Safety Executive. Such guidelines did not have the force of law, but failure to follow them could well be grounds for prosecution under the Health and Safety at Work Act. As regards the outbreak of the disease at the BBC, the crucial question may only be a matter of whether the cooling towers have been cleaned recently. If negligence is suspected, there could be a strong case either for prosecution or for civil action by the victims or their relatives, or both.

It may be that the towers were cleaned, and that purely incidental factors — such as dust from demolition work — were responsible for the outbreak. The survey already quoted, however, suggests negligence throughout Britain on an extensive scale. This is particularly regrettable in the case of hospitals, some of whose patients are among those most endangered.

Setting up a whole new inspectorate to hunt for legionnaires' disease in every building where it might occur would be expensive, and probably unjustified. But it might be appropriate to establish a licensing system for all water systems in which *legionella* is liable to breed. This would be similar to the existing MOT test for cars or NHBC certificate for buildings. Institutions would have to submit their systems for initial certification; they would then pay a fee for regular inspections from private contractors. Thereafter, they would be subject to spot checks by a small team of inspectors.

This would have the desired deterrent effect only if discovery of negligence were automatically followed by prosecution and stiff fines for those found guilty. Where outbreaks of the disease have taken place, it must be open to the victims or their families to sue. If the institution has been found guilty of negligence in advance of such a suit, the task of the victims will be that much easier. The end result should be a general raising of standards. The threat of a hefty damages suit will be more persuasive than any legislation in convincing institutions to clean their water tanks.

Wartime 'eyesore'

From Mr R. J. A. Gazzard

Sir, During 1941 I worked on the site of the New Admiralty Building (Mr Mein's letter, April 29) as assistant to the late Mr E. C. Butler, of Forsyth and Butler, the consultant architects.

The building was an early example of "natural" camouflage. The upper flat-roof level was grass-seeded to "read" as a horizontal extension of the park. The vertical surfaces, of a similar tone value and material as the parade ground and park footpaths, were landscaped with virginia creeper which, by the end of the war, was well established and much admired. It is surprising that the same technique has not been more widely used by landscape designers in their "greening" of inner urban areas.

The lower roof level accommodated a series of Piat anti-tank gun emplacements. These have now been removed, but the horizontal slits for machine guns on the return angles of the building can still be seen. Doubtless this was why the building came to be known as the Citadel.

Because as much of the building is below as above ground, the structure is carried on a massive concrete raft just above the water table. The reinforced mass concrete external walls are more than three metres thick. Theoretically the structure is indestructible and could certainly not be demolished by normal "ball and chain" impact. A whole series of controlled explosions would be required. Surrounding offices, etc, would have to be evacuated and nearby buildings almost certainly damaged.

The number of individuals who, with Mr Mein, regard the Citadel as the "ugliest extant example of wartime architecture" is not of course known, but there would have to be a multitude of them to justify the cost of demolition based on their aesthetic judgement.

Sir John Dilke (May 9) affectionately refers to the Citadel as "that memorable pile" — an apt reminder that "architecture is something felt more than seen".

Yours faithfully,
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May 14.

As time goes by...

From Mr Jon Adams

Sir, While I must agree with Mr Kelly (May 16) about the appalling immigration and customs service at many British airports and seaports, I would suggest that he can never have had the misfortune to arrive at Casablanca by air.

The delay, and seeming indifference of the staff was astonishing, allowing ample time to reflect how formalities had changed since Bergman left Bogart at the end of the film.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How CIA sought help from stars

From Mr Miles Copeland (snr)

Sir, It may interest your readers to know that, off and on, the American CIA was in the astrology business for some years (reports, May 9 and 10). In my day, we had special courses in "modern astrological techniques" which we gave to agents whom we subsequently planted on various world leaders — among them Nkrumah, Sukarno and Mehmet Shehu of Albania.

It was, in fact, the CIA's hastily improvised arrangement of the stars which persuaded Nkrumah to accept an invitation to visit China so that he would be out of the way when it came time for General "Uncle Dan" Ankrah to take over the Ghanaian Government, and many of Sukarno's decisions which played into our hands were based on computations of a computer we gave to him which pinpointed the *present* cosmic locations of various stars. He had previously been relying on the calculations of native astrologers who based their findings on where stars had been millions of light years earlier.

The "Cosmic Operations Section," which I headed in the last year of its existence, was discontinued by Mr Allen Dulles when he learned that we were bootlegging charts to certain members of our own White House staff. He was unmoved by our argument that the charts, concocted as they were to deal with issues as *we* understood them, made more sense than the stuff the White House was getting through regular channels.

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From Sir Peter Tennant

Sir, I doubt if many of those who ridicule the Reagans for their use of astrology are free from the contamination themselves. In the last war I was involved in propaganda. My base was Sweden, but my target was Germany.

Knowing of Hitler's interest in astrology, though it appears he did not believe in it himself, I made use of Nostradamus and other astrologers to subvert the German soldiery in Norway and Denmark and the 2,100,000 soldiers who used the Swedish railways to travel to and from Norway. Interleaved in astrological leaflets distributed by our agents were instructions on faking diseases such as dysentery, typhoid and typhus which exempted soldiers from service on the Eastern front.

On one of my visits to London I arranged to meet the famous astrologer, Lyndoe, to recruit him in my good work. He was scornful of any suggestion that his art should be debased in the service of propaganda, but assured me that if Hitler studied his daily predictions they would give him no joy.

For good measure he assured me that his advice was regularly sought by senior members of the Government, Service chiefs and leading churchmen. I have no reason to suppose he was not telling the truth. The space given to astrology by the media is evidence of wide interest in the subject today. Let us coddle our illusions — or, as Nietzsche called them, *"die lebensbefördende Lüge"* or the life-enhancing lie.

Yours sincerely,
PETER TENNANT,
Blue Anchor House,
Linchmere Road,
Haslemere, Surrey.
May 18.

Quoting Elizabeth

From Mr Felix Barker

Sir, I am grateful to Mrs Maria Perry Robinson (May 11) for shortening the gap between the delivery and publication of Queen Elizabeth I's famous and popularly believed Tilbury speech. This still leaves the mystery of why there was a delay of 66 years and whether she actually gave this oration.

The doubts which I raise in the current *History Today* are:

1. The Queen was speaking to 20,000 men on an open 15-acre field on an inclement August day sitting on a borrowed horse and holding a baton in one hand.
2. These were all-but-impossible conditions for the delivery, let alone recording, of so well turned a speech.
3. An eyewitness, the poet Aske, gave a quite different contemporary version of her words.
4. They were not recorded by Camden or any other contemporary historian.
5. Not until 1654 was a letter published from Leonel Sharp, chaplain to the Earl of Essex, giving the "body of a weak and feeble woman" speech, boasting that "no man hath it but myself" and saying he was ordered to relay it to the Tilbury troops the following day.

In *The Times* (report, April 28) Professor Patrick Collinson pointed out that lack of written evidence is no proof that something didn't happen at this period. Yet a tract with a full account of Elizabeth's coronation was in print within nine days. Why was her Tilbury speech not ready to win acclaim at the time of the Armada thanksgiving service at St Paul's in November, 1588?

I remain, Sir, yours obediently,
FELIX BARKER,
Watermill House,
Benenden, Kent.
May 16.

Defence of A-level history project

From Dr S. G. Raban

Sir, I regret the rather intemperate tone of Professor Cameron Watt's letter (May 12) about the Cambridge A-level History Project, but some of the issues he raises are important and subject to frequent misunderstanding.

Far from devaluing historical knowledge, the project has perhaps taken it too much for granted in its initial publicity. Those following the course will know at least as much about 17th-century England and comparable events elsewhere as those taking more conventional courses. Indeed, their understanding of chronology and "spatial location" should be greater with the help of computer software designed to that end.

Professor Cameron Watt knows as well as I do that historical facts are not always easy to establish or value-free. It is surely not misguided to teach sixth-form students to examine critically the sources on which their knowledge is based or to offer them the rigour and excitement all too often reserved for university students.

I share Professor Cameron Watt's distaste for jargon. Many of the terms to which he takes exception belong to the increasingly technical realm of assessment. We could not, even if we wished, cut history off from these and other developments on the wider educational scene. The suggestion, however, that students' personal details will be monitored as part of the project is quite simply erroneous.

In funding the Cambridge A-level History Project, the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate has responded to the Government's wish to promote greater political literacy and the desire of teachers and the inspectorate for a syllabus better suited to current needs. It is significant that the project syllabus has already been granted pilot scheme status by the Secondary Examinations Council.

The project will not be compulsory. If it does not fire the imagination of students more effectively than older courses, it will not attract a significant number of candidates. Entries for A-level history are falling faster proportionately than numbers in the 16-18 age range. This is not the moment for those of us committed to real history and its teaching to indulge in internecine warfare.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. RABAN (Chairman, Project Steering Committee),
University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate,
1 Hills Road, Cambridge.
May 18.

From Mrs Christine Lloyd

Sir, As one who is to embark on the Cambridge History Project in September, I strongly object to Professor Donald Cameron Watt's suggestion that this new A-level course is for "bored" history teachers.

For a number of years there has been profound dissatisfaction with existing syllabuses which are so content-laden that there is no time to allow students to explore the issues properly and formulate their theories. The lottery element in the questions and the obscurity of some of the issues they cover has meant an ever-increasing file of notes and an emphasis on recall.

I am not bored with the present regime, especially as the enthusiasm generated among my pupils when studying the Schools History Project — from which the Cambridge History Project will progress — at O level has maintained the popularity of the subject in the sixth form and provided me with groups of students who have been a joy to teach.

However, their repeated criticism of the traditional A-level course is that there is too much to learn and it does not enable them to develop those skills of historical enquiry which made the subject so interesting before. I would be foolish to ignore such criticism.

Today education has a high profile and great strides have been made in making all subjects more interesting and meaningful. I am beginning to wonder why there is so much alarm in the academic world about some of these changes. Surely any approach that actually enables students to think cannot be bad.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTINE LLOYD,
15 Keston Gardens,
Keston, Kent.

From Mr Henry Proctor

Sir, Much as I sympathise with Professor Cameron Watt's dismay when faced by modern educational gobbledegook, I fear that the problem is not a recent one.

As early as 1977, I found myself faced by the following information as part of a course on educational theory at Cambridge:

> The geneticist's conception of genotype-environment interaction and the psychobiological conception of ongoing organism-environment interaction now make it quite sensible to consider deliberately fostering early cognitive development or learning.

Yours etc,
HENRY PROCTOR,
Wykeham,
Near Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Israel's turn

From Mr A. R. Tomkins

Sir, Whenever politically possible, organised groups of people have always tortured, burned, and buried other men alive in order to get their own way. From the time of their encounter with Amalek (Exodus, 17, viii) to the Diaspora, the children of Israel behaved no differently from any other race.

Between the Diaspora and 1948 Christians and other kinds of gentiles had the upper hand of the Jews, who lacked the political organisation to go on behaving like the rest of mankind. The creation of the State of Israel, however, has provided them with the opportunity to fall in line, and they have taken it.

The moral value of strongly-held beliefs depends largely on the nature of the individuals who hold them. Among the best, like Professor Steiner (article, May 14), they can arouse feelings of revulsion and remorse when things go wrong. From the worst, they can elicit a horrible self-righteousness.

To those of us without strong beliefs the wickedness of some Jews, Christians and Marxists is no more surprising than that of Everyman. I salute the professor's glowing humanity; but until he asks himself, rhetorically, what is special about Jews, he will go on agonizing.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. TOMKINS,
67 The Street, Neatishead,
Norwich, Norfolk.

Rowntree bidding

From Mr George Copeman

Sir, Our work on employee share-ownership plans has enabled us to see ownership in a different light from most economists, who, alas, continue to underplay its role in competitive trading. Pride of ownership is an important motivator, both in the case of management share options and in all-employee share schemes.

Equally, majority ownership of a company's shares within the one country is a national motivator, because it brings control, the opportunity to make major decisions locally and to have a go. Competition is therefore likely to be increased and maintained at a high level when the law can disallow takeover bids which reduce the percentage of local ownership in an industry below half.

The Swiss-company attempts to gain control of Rowntree are risky because, if temporarily successful, they could be the touchstone which enabled most people to see that a mistake had been made. Competition policy for the EEC should not concentrate on market share to the neglect of local-ownership share.

If Britain led the way in revising its monopolies and mergers policy, there could be a stampede of EEC countries to follow suit before 1992. Europe could then become a more dynamic market than the USA, invigorated by continuing national pride.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE COPEMAN
(Deputy Chairman),
Wider Share Ownership Council,
94 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4.

In other words

From Mr J. R. E. Sedgwick

Sir, Visiting terminal 3 at Heathrow airport today, to meet my son arriving from Cairo, I saw a notice that said "No parking for meeters" which I at first read as "No meters for parking" but then understood.

Yours etc,
JOHN SEDGWICK,
Pasture House, Whitsbury,
Near Fordingbridge, Hampshire.
May 13.

New town tenants

From the Under-Secretary of State at the Environment Department

Sir, The report (early editions, May 17) about new town rented housing suggests that, contrary to earlier Government undertakings, tenants will be given no say in the choice of their future landlord. That is not correct: tenants *will* be consulted.

There cannot be sensible consultation until the new financial regime for local authority housing is in place. New legislation is required and could not come into operation until 1990. The time for consultation will be then. Meanwhile, new town corporations have to make interim arrangements for the management of their stock. It is for individual corporations to decide what arrangements are in the best interests of their tenants.

I understand that Telford intend making a two-year management agreement with a consortium of local housing associations, and that Milton Keynes propose to end the management agreement that has been operated by the local authority.

The distinction between interim management arrangements and the final disposal of properties is a very important one. Managers are not the same as landlords.

Yours faithfully,
MARION ROE,
Department of the Environment,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
May 18.

Moulders of form

From Mr Kenneth Cleveland

Sir, *Pace* Mr Keers (May 18) today: 30 years is nothing! As a teenager, I was allowed to wear my father's wedding shoes for special occasions, e.g. school dances. My parents celebrated their golden wedding last year, and the shoes, still in excellent condition, will eventually become part of my inheritance.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
KENNETH CLEVELAND,
44 St Catherine's Court,
Bedford Park, W4.

Restrictions on credit spending

From Mr Paul Fry

Sir, Despite the several cuts in interest rates in the past few months, the cost of consumer borrowing in the form of credit cards, hire-purchase agreements, etc, has remained exceedingly high. As the volume of new loans has also remained high, this seems to indicate that individuals, in a wealthy enterprise economy, are losing their sensitivity to the cost of borrowing.

If the Treasury really wishes to dampen credit growth would it not be better advised to restrict the availability of credit by increasing minimum repayments on credit cards, reintroducing compulsory levels of deposit for other credit agreements and, most importantly, by establishing a matrix of controls for the new creative types of loan secured by an individual's property?

With such controls we may even be able to have the luxury of lower interest rates and a containment of inflationary pressures fuelled by credit growth.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
PAUL FRY,
3 Cornwall Close,
Wokingham, Berkshire.
May 18.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 21 1867

Prince Albert had himself mooted the idea of a hall "for the arts and sciences" in 1853. A public fund to finance it, together with the Albert Memorial, was opened in 1861; but it failed to reach its target and the scheme for a hall was dropped. It was revived two years later, however, and new designs by Captain Francis Fowke of the Royal Engineers were approved by the Prince of Wales in 1865. The famous concert hall's foundation-stone is now mounted on a low wall at the back of the stalls

HALL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Yesterday morning Her Majesty, to the delight of her loving subjects, so far broke through the seclusion which she has now observed for some years past as to be present at a great public ceremonial not absolutely connected with her high State functions. The occasion, however, was one which not only warranted, but almost demanded, such a departure from her late mode of life, for it was to add all the solemnity of State to the commencement of a building destined to perpetuate, in a most enduring form, the services which the late Prince Consort, during his too short life, rendered to the advancement of science and art... Every preparation which could conduce to the success of the ceremonial was most carefully made, and every precaution taken to insure what may be called the popular appreciation of the plan. The results amply justified the means taken to secure them... It is not too much to say that a more brilliant ceremony of the kind, or one which passed off more smoothly from first to last, even the Queen herself has never presided at.

The site chosen for the intended building is on the land belonging to the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, on the north side of the Royal Horticultural Gardens, and just in front of the Albert Memorial. The whole of the space to be occupied by the building was covered in yesterday. In fact, the gigantic marquee which enclosed the group represented almost precisely the area which the building itself will occupy....

Long before the hour stipulated on the cards of invitation, almost every place was occupied. As a matter of course, the ladies were the first to take their places and fill the rows of chairs with such a bright array of toilettes as has seldom been seen in such profusion.

Almost to the minute, at half-past 11, with that punctuality which is said to be a Royal virtue, and which has certainly always distinguished Her Majesty, the distant sound of cheers along the Park announced that she was coming...

Preceded by Messrs. Charles and Thomas Lucas and Colonel Scott, Her Majesty then descended to the spot where the stone was to be laid, and with her own hands poured in a collection of new coins, and closed the glass vessel, in which she placed them, to be deposited beneath it. Then, assisted by Mr. Charles Lucas, who handed her a magnificent trowel of solid gold, while Mr. Thomas Lucas and Colonel Scott placed the cement beneath the stone, Her Majesty proceeded to spread the mortar evenly and neatly. Amid a loud Royal flourish of trumpets, and the distant booming of a salute of 21 guns from the Park, the polished block of granite was lowered into its place. Again assisted by the Messrs. Lucas, the Queen, with a plummet and line, tested the accuracy of the block's adjustment and, striking it with an ivory hammer, declared it "well and truly fixed," amid loud and prolonged cheering...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 20: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Peterborough today and were received upon arrival at Peterborough Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr Michael Bevan).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a service at Peterborough Cathedral to commemorate the 750th Anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral and were received upon arrival at the West Door by the Bishop of Peterborough (the Right Reverend W.J. Westwood).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later honoured the Mayor of Peterborough (Councillor Mrs C. Gray) with her presence at luncheon in the Town Hall.

In the afternoon, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Edith Cavell Hospital and having been received by the Chairman of the District Health Authority (Mr T. Gibson) toured the Hospital. Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Lynch Wood Business Park where Her Majesty, escorted by the Chairman, Peterborough Development Corporation (Mr Jeremy Rowe), switched on a fountain and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later left Royal Air Force Wittering in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Farnham and Mr Robert Fellowes were in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Patron of the Haddo Hall Arts Trust, this evening attended the Spring Promenade Dinner and Ball at Haddo House Hall.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Princess Royal visited Derbyshire today and was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton).

Her Royal Highness opened Hoyle Court Housing Development for the Elderly at Bakewell (Chairman of Housing Services Committee. Councillor Mrs Gillan) and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Princess Royal later visited the Lead Mining Museum (Museum Manager, Mrs E Dixon) in Matlock Bath.

Her Royal Highness, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, attended the presentation and dedication of a new Mobile Unit for the St John Ambulance Brigade in Derby and afterwards attended a fund raising luncheon for the Derbyshire St John Ambulance Centenary Appeal.

In the afternoon The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, visited the Fund's shop in Derby.

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the major extension to Derbyshire Royal Infirmary and was received by the Chairman, Trent Regional Health Authority (Sir Michael Carlisle).

The Princess Royal, Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, subsequently attended the Derby School of Occupational Therapy Graduation Ceremony and was received by the Principal of the School (Mrs V Wallace).

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Charles Ritchie, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 20: The Prince of Wales, President, the International Council of United World Colleges, this morning received Mr Kingman Brewster at Highgrove House, Doughton, Gloucestershire.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Dorset and was received on arrival at Bournemouth Station by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dorset.

Her Royal Highness was entertained at luncheon at the Carlton Hotel, Bournemouth, by the Vice Chairman of Dorset County Council and subsequently opened the Epiphany Church of England Aided Primary School, Muscliff.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon later opened Poole Day Centre.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited Codsall Adult Training Centre and Special Care Unit. Her Royal Highness later opened Caxton Court, Sheltered Housing Scheme, Cannock and subsequently opened Great Wyrley Day Centre, Staffordshire.

The Duchess of Gloucester, attended by Mrs Howard Page, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 20: The Duke of Kent arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon, from Hungary.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of The Samaritans, this evening attended the Cape to Cape Project Ball at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London W2.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Horticulture

Tickets at the door

By Alan Toogood, Horticultural Correspondent

This year's Chelsea Flower Show, which opens in the grounds of the Royal Hospital on Tuesday, is not the sell-out that was expected.

Although tickets for the two members' days (Tuesday and Wednesday), when numbers of visitors will be limited to 40,000 per day, have been sold, the Royal Horticultural Society says there are still 15,000 tickets left for each of the public days — Thursday and Friday. Numbers to be allowed into the showground on these days will be 55,000 and 40,000 respectively.

The society has therefore decided to sell tickets at the turnstiles on the two public days. However, the number of visitors will be monitored and limits will not be exceeded.

The society does not know why all tickets have not been sold. The new arrangements, in which tickets were on sale months before the show, were designed to help ease the congestion at Chelsea.

It believes many people are reluctant to decide about visiting Chelsea so far in advance.

The show is open to the public from 8am to 8pm next Thursday and from 8am to 5pm next Friday.

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Tomorrow's services

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 S Euch: 10 M. Responses (Ayleward). Britten in C. Dum complerentur (Palestrina): 11 S Euch. Ireland in C. I will not leave you comfortless (Byrd). The Dean: 3.15 E. Responses (Ayleward). Gloucester Service (Howells). The Spirit of the Lord (Ridout): 6.30 ES.
YORK MINSTER: 8. 8.45 HC: 10.15 S Euch. Messe Solenelle (Langlais). O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis). Very Rev J Southgate: 11.30 M. Jackson in G: 4 E. Watson in E. Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes (Palestrina). Canon J Toy.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M. Boyce in A. Very Rev E Evans: 11.30 HC. Missa Brevis (Kodaly). Dum complerentur (Palestrina): 3.15 E. Come Holy Ghost (Harvey). Rev P Ball.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M. S Euch. Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams). The Dean: 3 E & Procession. Responses (Neary). Stanford in C. Come Holy Ghost (Harvey). Rev N Sagovsky: 5 55 Organ Recital: 6.30 ES. Rev C Semper.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Ireland in C. Dum complerentur (Palestrina). The Golden Sequence. Very Rev D L Edwards: 3 E. Stanford in C. Collegium Regale (Howells). The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). Rev N Worn.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7. 8. 9. 10.30 SM. Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). Dum complerentur (Palestrina). Factus est repente (Palestrina). 12. 5.30. 7 SM: 3.30 V & B. Magnificat primi toni (Malcolm). The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar).
CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 S Euch. Missa Brevis Capella Regalis (Caesar). Canon J F Hester.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11.15 S Euch. Stanford in B flat. Ven R A W Coogan.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 M & HC: Song 44 (Gibbons). The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). The Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M: 12 HC. Come Holy Ghost (Gibbons). The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). The Welsh Guards. Rev J Harkness.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9 HC: 11 M. (State Parade). Short Service (Byrd). Come Holy Ghost (Attwood). The Chaplain.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP & HC. Come Holy Ghost (Attwood). Responses (Thalben-Ball). Mathias in C. Dyson in D. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). The Master.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Missa in honorem sancti Dominici (Rubbra). If ye love me (Tallis). Canon H P Burgess.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 M. Sumsion in G. Come Holy Ghost (Attwood). The Chaplain: 3.30 E. If ye love me (Tallis). Howells in G. Dum complerentur (Palestrina).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch. Rev R Dixon.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8. 8.15 LM: 11 HM. Messe Solonelle (Vierne). The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). Rev S J Hobbs: 6 E & B. Collegium Magdalen Oxoniense (Leighton). Dum complerentur (Palestrina). Rev G A Reddington.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 30 HC: 11 Family Communion. Rev I Bentley: 6.30 Rev S Wookey.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8. 12 HC: 10 Children's Service: 11 M. Rev J H L Cross: 6 E: 6.20 Organ Recital.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 Parish Communion. Rev S Acland.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC: 11 S Euch. Missa illo Tempore (Monterverdi). Veni Sancti Spiritus (Schutz). Rev A W Marks.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662): 10.30 HC (ASB). Rev J A K Millar: 6.30 ES. Rev N K Lee.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 (1662) HC: 11 HC. Rev M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM: 11 HM. Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn). Dss M Sherwin: 3.30 E & B. Nicholson in D flat: 5.30 LM.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11 M & Euch. Jackson in G. Canon J Oates: 6 30 E. Walmisley in D minor. Come Holy Ghost (Attwood). Canon J Oates.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC: 11 S Euch. Rev J Vine: 6 E & B

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 S Euch. Darke in F. Kings College Choir. Fr P Galloway.
GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch. Darke in F. O Lord give Thy Holy Spirit (Tallis). The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8. 12 HC: 11 MP. Rev P J Galloway: 6.30 EP. Rev G C Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC: 11 HC. Rev M Bunker: 6.30 Spotlight. Christ's Resurrection.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch: 6 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 10 30 S Euch. Rev J M Haselock: 6 E. Rev D A Perkin.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC: 10 Parish Euch with Sunday School. Rev T Birchard: 6.30 Evening Worship. Rev B Callaghan.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC: 9 30 Parish Communion: 11 S Euch. Coronation Mass (Mozart). The Vicar: 6.30 E. The Gloucester Service (Howells). The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). Rev A Walker
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8. 12.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Schubert in G. O Lord give Thy Holy spirit (Tallis). Rev D R Watson: 6.30 E. Collegium Regale (Howells). If ye love me (Tallis). Rev S Watson
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC. 10 Family Communion: 11 S Euch. Missa Secunder (Hassler). Listen Sweet Dove (Grayston Ives). Rev J Humble.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch. The Rector.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC (1662): 9.45 Euch. Canon R Jennings: 11.30 MP. Canon R Jennings: 2.45 Chinese Service (HC). Rev P Leung. 4 30 E. Responses (Tallis). Stanford in G. Hodie completi sunt (Gabrieli): 6.30 EP. Canon R Jennings.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9. 9.45. 7 LM: 11 HM. Missa Brevis in C. Veni spiritus (Mozart). Come Holy Ghost (Attwood). Ven Haywood: 6.15 E & B. Regina caeli (Aichinger). Dum complerentur (Palestrina).
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC: 11 Euch. Mass in B flat (Schubert). Hodie completi sunt (Gabrieli). Bishop of Fulham: 6.30 E. Rev D Head.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1. 8.15 HC: 11 HC. Rev J Crossley: 7 ES. Rev J Crossley.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 M: 12.15 HC. Messe Solennelle (Langlais). O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC: 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart). So God loved the world (Gibbons). Fr R Davis.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 SM. Four part mass (Byrd). Veni Sancti Spiritus (Stewart). Rev D B Tillyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8. 7.45 HC: 11 Choral Communion. Darke in F. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). Preb J Pearce: 6.30 E. God's Love (Kelly). Murrill in E. God is a Spirit (Bennett). Rev A Pearce.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8. 9 LM: 11 HM. Messe Basse (Faure). Adoramus te (Agostini). Ave verum (Faure). Fr J Towers: 6 E & B. Canticles (Walmisley in D minor). Veni sancte Spiritus (Byrd). Fr G Morgan.
ST STEPHEN'S, Walbrook, EC4: 1 HC. The Rector.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM. Missa O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria). Veni Creator Spiritus (Rener): 6 LM & B.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11. 6.30 Rev J H McIndoe.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev K D F Walker: 6.30 Rev K G Hughes.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8. 10. 12. 4. 6 LM: 11 SM. Missa veni sancte spiritus (Terry). Factus est repente (Aichinger). Confirma hoc Deus (Aichinger).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Missa Longa (Mozart). Dum complerentur (Victoria).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30. 8.30. 10. 12.15. 4.15. 6.15 LM: 11 HM. Messe Solennelle (Vierne). Veni creator (Attwood). Veni creator spiritus (Plainsong).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7. 7. 8. 9. 10. 12.30. 4.30. 7 LM. 11 HM. Dum complerentur (Victoria). Veni creator (Attwood): 3.30 V & B. Factus est repente (Aichinger).
ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30. 10. 11 Mass. Veni Sancte Spiritus (Terry). Veni Sancte Spiritus (Vogler). Canon M Richards. 12.15 Mgr G Tancred. 6.30.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11. 6.30 Rev E Waugh.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Rev N Goldhawk: 6 Rev M Braddy.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev L Griffiths: 6.30 Rev T Dudley-Smith.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9. 11. 2. 6.30 Rev W Lewis.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11. 6.30 Rev R Latham.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev A McLellan: 6.30 Rev B Scopes
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC: 7 HC. Ich will wasser giessen auf die Durstenden (Erlebach). Rev J Evenson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev N J Williams.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.30. BBC Broadcast Service. Rev W R Davies. 11.15 Rev R C Gibbins: 6.30 Aldersgate Youth Happening. Rev W R Davies.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Rev R J Tudor: 6.30 Charles Wesley Festival.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11. 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11. Meeting for worship.

Douglas Wollen

Out of place for a man of peace

Much is made of the fact that John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was a loyal Anglican. The last thing he wanted was yet another rival denomination, though, alas, it did come to that after his death. Next Wednesday, the 250th Anniversary of the conversion of Wesley, there will be a special commemorative service at St Paul's Cathedral, attended by the Queen and many top people. One can only hope that this splendid occasion will be penitential, and not merely a climb on the bandwagon of the Church of England's greatest saint.

For though a devoted Anglican, Wesley broke all the rules. Most of the Anglican churches were closed to him, and for half a century his characteristic preachings were in the open air. What was a Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, doing preaching to the mob he loved in Moorfields, and for half a century riding up and down the intolerable roads of eighteenth-century England loving the common people? For Wesley, unlike most eighteenth-century clergy and many modern ones, was free of all special deference to the upper classes: he cared for the mobs more than for the nobs!

In a letter to Freeborn Garrettson in 1786 he wrote: "Most of those in England who have riches love money, even the Methodists, at least those who are called so. The poor are the Christians. I am quite out of conceit with almost all those who have this world's goods". Yet most of the congregation in St Paul's will be those of us who have "this world's goods." At Wesley's House in City Road, London, he lived in two small rooms, a residence quite unlike the more palatial Victorian manse on the opposite side of the entrance yard.

Wesley's Toryism, of which much is made by some, was a refusal to join the Whigs as they sought to get a bigger share of the cake for themselves, or the violent revolutionaries whose methods could only destroy their aims and ideals. So he revered the king as the father of the family, most of whose members had no political rights or power at all.

Young Charles Wesley never forgot how at the end of his life, in Windsor Castle, George III told him, "Your uncle and your father and the Countess of Huntingdon and George Whitfield have done more for my people than all the dignified clergy put together." (The King might better have omitted the last two names, for they did not share Wesley's anti-slavery passion, which for instance inspired the last letter he wrote, to Wilberforce, urging him never to give up his anti-slavery campaign — a letter not about "religion" but politics. The last words he wrote, apart from formalities, were "What villainy is this?", referring to the repression in the colonies of blacks by whites).

So too often Wesley's radical nonconformity (as opposed to ecclesiastical nonconformity) is overlooked. With the possible exception of small groups like the Mennonites, most Nonconformists have come to accept the aims and standards of the capitalist class-structure of the modern Western world. So Wesley's own Chapel, "neat but not fine" he called it, is transformed by monuments glorifying Methodist big-wigs, clerical and lay.

We forget too Wesley's denunciation of the ***institution*** **of war, the "glories" of which dominate our history books from Hastings and Agincourt to the Armada and Flanders' fields, "But there is a still greater and more undeniable proof that the very foundations of all things, civil and religious, are utterly out of course in the Christian as well as the heathen world... There is war in the world! War between men! War between Christians! I mean, between those that bear the name of Christ, and profess to 'walk as he also walked'. Now, who can reconcile war, I will not say to religion, but to any degree of reason or common sense?".**

His unforgettable denunciation of the apostasy of the wars between the Catholics of medieval England and France applies as much to the obscene conflict between the Protestants of England and Germany in the first World War that sowed the seeds of the Second; which, unless there is repentance, will have sown the seeds of the Third, and of the final destruction of humanity.

So it is surely inappropriate that the chief commemorative Wesley service should be in a nave dominated by Wellington on his war-horse; surely there is an unbridgeable gulf between Wellesley and Wesley. This is not to deny the courage and idealism of many warriors, but the identification in so many church war-memorials (including the window in Wesley's own Chapel) of death in war and the Crucifixion of Jesus is altogether inappropriate.

"I am not provoked", said Wesley, "at the sight of a pickpocket, a gamester, a politician, a suborner, a traitor or the like. This is all according to the natural course of things". But the glorified institutions of "defence" and war, "a lump of deformity and diseases", this "breaks all the measures of my patience". Alas St Paul's is full of war memorials, much more so than it was when Wesley said his prayers there on the way to his conversion.

So how far St Paul's or indeed most great historical places of worship represent the true Christianity we see in the "conversion" (appropriate word) of John Wesley is surely doubtful, unless such services are accompanied not just by sharing in the glory of this converted Anglican clergyman and claiming some merit for it, but by radical penitence for the churches' blessing of war and the political establishment throughout the centuries. For unless another Wesley is raised up by God to recall us to the example of the Primitive Church, the whole future of humanity is at risk.

The Rev Douglas Wollen is Historian at Wesley's Chapel, London.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr R.W. Adam, company executive, 65; Dr J.V. Armitage, principal, College of St Hild and St Bede, Durham, 56; Lord Clydesmuir, 71; Baron Guy de Rothschild, 79; Mr Malcolm Fraser, CH, former Prime Minister of Australia, 58; Mr Armand Hammer, chairman and chief executive officer, Occidental Petroleum, 90; Mr Leonard Manasseh, architect, 72; Lord Maxwell 69; Dr Leonard Mullins, rubber physicist, 70; Mr Dipak Nandy, founder-director, Runnymede Trust, 52; Miss Rosalind Plowright, soprano, 40; Mr Philip Rathbone, former secretary, Royal Town Planning Institute, 75; Dr Andrei Sakharov, Soviet dissident, 67; Sir David Smith, principal and vice-chancellor, Edinburgh University, 58; Mr R.R. Welch, silversmith, 59; Mr Desmond Wilcox, broadcaster, 57; the Right Rev Mark Wood, former Bishop of Ludlow, 69; Mr James Woodhouse, headmaster, Lancing College, 55.

TOMORROW: Mr Kenny Ball, trumpeter, 57; Mr George Best, footballer, 42; Miss Cheryl Campbell, actress, 39; Viscount Dunrossil 62; the Right Rev Douglas Feaver, former Bishop of Peterborough, 74; Professor Sir William Hawthorne, former Master of Churchill College, Cambridge, 75; Sir Mark Heath, diplomat, 61; Professor G.W. Keeton, president, London Institute of World Affairs, 86; Sir Edwin Leather, former Governor of Bermuda, 69; Mr Hew Lorimer, sculptor, 81; Mr Victor Montagu, former MP for South Dorset, 82; Lord Olivier, OM, 81; Miss Betty Swanwick, artist, 73; Mrs Betty Williams, Nobel Laureate, 45; Mr Ernest Wistrich, former director European Movement, 65.

Vincent's Club

To mark the Vincent's Club's 125th anniversary, members and their guests coming to the Summer Eights are invited to the club marquee on the Queen's ground next to OUBC on Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28.

Sir David Lean arriving at Cannes film festival yesterday for a gala dinner in his honour as winner of the 1988 Cannes Action Committee Award for outstanding contribution to the British film industry.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Prince of Wales, President of HMS Kelly Reunion Association, will attend a reunion dinner at the Headquarters of the London Division of the Royal Naval Reserve at 7.15.
Prince Edward will attend a gala evening at the Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, Berkshire, at 7.00.
The Princess Royal will attend the Blacksmiths luncheon at Cannington College, Somerset, at 12.30 organised by the Craftsmen of Wessex; and a meeting of the Medical Equestrian Association at the Rookwood Hospital Spinal Injuries Unit in Cardiff at 3.00.
The Duchess of Gloucester, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance Brigade in Wales, will witness displays and demonstrations by St John "Badgers" and "Cadets" at the Royal Agricultural Society Showground, Builth Wells, at 11.30.
The Duchess of Kent will attend the Rous Cup England v Scotland match at Wembley Stadium at 12.45.
TOMORROW: The Prince of Wales, President of Business in the Community, will play in a charity polo match at Windsor Great Park at 3.15 in aid of St Mary's, Illingworth, Halifax.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Michael Forsyth, Minister for Education and Health at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception held in Edinburgh Castle to mark the centenary of the Higher Grade examinations.

Wroxall Abbey School, Warwick

The 1988 reunion will take place on Saturday, July 2. Members of the O-L Society wishing to attend who have not received an invitation should contact the School Secretary.

Marriages

Mr S.P.M. Clarke
and Miss S.B. Shephard
The marriage took place yesterday in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy of Mr Stephen Clarke, son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Clarke, of Hollycourt, Yorkshire, to Miss Sarah Shephard, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs J.H.G. Shephard, of Elcot, Newbury, Berkshire. The Rev John Williams officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Josephine Shephard and Gemma Stone. Mr David Huggins was best man.

A reception was held at Boodle's and the honeymoon will be spent in Sicily.

Mr M.J.G. Elliott
and Miss M.N. Hoey
The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, April 23, in the Chapel of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, between Mr Michael Elliott, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel H.T. Elliott and of Mrs Elliott, of Oxford, and Miss Marian Hoey, daughter of the late Dr and Mrs J.T.S. Hoey, of Oxford.

Dr A.J.E. Foss
and Miss F.A. Simpson
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 14, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, of Dr Alexander Foss, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, to Miss Fiona Simpson, of Vancouver Island.

Mr P.S. Swadling
and Miss S.D. Long-Innes
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 14, at St Bartholomew's Church, Leigh, Surrey, of Mr Philip Swadling, son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Swadling, of Birmingham, to Miss Susie Long-Innes, daughter of Mrs Michael Comer, of Leigh, Surrey, and Mr Michael Long-Innes, of Billingshurst, Sussex.

The bride was attended by Miss Anna McPherson, Miss Sally Long-Innes and Miss Jenny Ohlson. Mr Christopher Comer was best man.

Appointment

Mr George Russell has been appointed Chairman of Independent Television News, in succession to Mr Paul Fox.

Latest wills

Trevor Charles, **3rd Baron Stamp of Shortlands**, of Beech Hill, Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, professor of bacteriology at the Royal Post Graduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, 1948-70, and a former President of the Liberal Party, left £223,878 net.

Judge Michael Thomas Ben **Underhill**, of Richmond upon Thames, a judge of the South-Eastern circuit since 1978, left £134,211 net.

Mr Jack Anthony **Vlasto**, of Hurst, Berkshire, and London SW1, left £1,093,715 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C. Copley
and Miss T.J. Heal
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs C. Copley, of Hampstead, and Tracey, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Heal, of Much Birch, Hereford.

Mr N.S. Cross
and Miss R.M.T. Scott
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Stewart, second son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Cross, of Bitterne, Southampton, and Rachel Merrily Tempé, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M.R.H. Scott, of Clonaveel, Letterbreen, Co Fermanagh, Northen Ireland.

Mr N. Eagers
and Miss C.L. Powis
The engagement is announced between Nigel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. Eagers, of Bala, Gwynedd, and Carol Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.A. Powis, of St Clements, Jersey.

Mr P.J.C. Ellis
and Miss F.M. Malcolm
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of the late Mr Reginald Ellis and of Mrs Beryl Ware, of Aldwick, Sussex, and Fran, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Malcolm, of Newcastle, Staffordshire.

Mr P.G. Heelis
and Miss A.K. Schofield
The engagement is announced between Philip George, youngest son of the late Mr Dennis Heelis and of Mrs Dawn Heelis, of Brightwalton, Newbury, Berkshire, and Anne Katherine, younger daughter of Mr Graham Schofield, FRCS, and Dr Anne Schofield, of 35 Lubnaig Road, Newlands, Glasgow.

Dr M.R. Lindley
and Miss S.A. Bayley
The engagement is announced between Matthew Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.D. Lindley, of Castle Rising, Norfolk, and Susan Ann, daughter of the late Mr F.R. Bayley, and of Mrs J. Bayley, of Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Dr C.B.J. Morton
and Dr E.W.F. Slowe
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Dr and Mrs J.R. Morton, of Woodcroft, The Avenue, March, Cambridgeshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Slowe, of Hillside, London Road, Pulborough, West Sussex.

Mr G.R.M. Tullberg
and Miss K.A.C. Sandys-Renton
The engagement is announced between Guy Richard Magnus, son of Mr William Tullberg, of Sherston, Wiltshire, and Mrs Michael Stephen, of Horsham, Sussex, and Kate Amanda Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Sandys-Renton, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

Captain S.N. Turner, RA
and Miss A.E. Shaw
The engagement is announced between Simon Nicholas, twin son of Major and Mrs A.E. Turner, of Longhope, Gloucestershire, and Ann Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Dr D.J.S. Shaw and of Mrs Shaw, of Dedham, Essex.

Dr I.D. Tyler
and Dr K. Dixon
The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.G. Tyler, of Guildford, Surrey, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Dixon, of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Mr S.A. Venning
and Miss P.A. Squire
The engagement is announced between Stuart, eldest son of Mr and Mrs O.J. Venning, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and Pernille (Lilla), only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.A. Squire, of Fenny Compton, Warwickshire.

OBITUARY

DR M. A. GRACE, FRS

Study of the atomic nucleus

Dr Michael Grace, FRS, who died on May 17, aged 68, was Reader in Nuclear Physics at Oxford University from 1972 to 1987. His best known work in nuclear research was on oriented nuclei.

He was Censor of Christ Church from 1964 to 1969.

Michael Anthony Grace was educated at St Paul's School and went to Christ Church in 1939. After one year, in which he gained first class honours in Science Moderations, he went to HMS Vernon (the School of Mines) at Portsmouth, returning to Oxford in 1945 to take Physics Finals in 1947.

He then began research in nuclear physics with the group led by Hans Halban in the Clarendon Laboratory, gaining his DPhil in 1950.

Elected to a Nuffield Fellowship, he took part, with J. M. Daniels and F. N. H. Robinson, on important work to achieve better understanding of the nature of the nucleus. This led to the first successful experiment on nuclear orientation in which anisotropy was observed in the emission of gamma-radiation from the nuclei of radioactive cobalt-60, preferentially aligned in a single crystal cooled by isentropic demagnetization.

It required close collaboration between low-temperature physicists and nuclear physicists. Of the latter, Grace became the key figure.

In the following years such experiments were extended to a wide range of other radioactive nuclei.

At that time, techniques for experiments at temperatures near absolute zero were in their infancy. The experiments were long, needing constant attention; mishaps and disappointments were frequent. In such circumstances Michael Grace's personality was of great help. Unflappable and full of optimism, with a gentle sense of humour, he created confidence in his associates.

The importance of his work was recognized by his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1967.

In 1972 Grace became interested in the measurement of magnetic moments of excited nuclear states. Here also he achieved an important advance in knowledge.

At Christ Church he took a full part in college activities and was a successful and dedicated tutor.

He was also much concerned about science teaching in schools and he was appointed a governor of the St Paul's Schools in 1959 and of Harrow School in 1969.

In 1948 he married Philippa Agnes Lois, daughter of Sir Zachary Cope, who survives him, with a son and three daughters.

MAJ-GEN J. A. D. JOHNSTON

Major-General J.A.D. Johnston, OBE, MC, Director of Medical Services, BAOR, 1969-70, died on May 17, aged 77.

The more spectacular operations in which he was involved as an Army doctor had included the liberation of the Belsen concentration camp in 1945 and relief work after the Quetta earthquake of 1935.

He was commissioned in the RAMC in 1934 after his medical training at Glasgow University. Most of his service before the war was in India. He saw action on the North West Frontier and won his Military Cross in Waziristan for rescuing a wounded officer under fire.

He was with the 3rd Division when it landed in Normandy on D-Day. He was senior medical officer with the force that had the awful task of taking over Belsen. It was an almost unprecedented medical situation, where so little could be done for many of those who had survived.

But after that Johnston saw more of the horror of wartime imprisonment when he was transferred to the Far East in the last stages of the war against Japan, and seriously undernourished Servicemen were emerging from the Japanese camps.

His post-war posts included that of commandant of the RAMC training establishment. From 1967 to 1970 he was an Honorary Physician to the Queen.

He is survived by his wife Enid, whom he married in 1940. They had a son and two daughters.

MR MICHAEL BERRY

Mr Michael Berry, a merchant banker who combined formidable investment skill in the City with a full life as a country-lover, died on May 19, aged 81.

Michael Francis Berry was born on October 17, 1906, and was educated at Eton and Hertford College, Oxford.

He went to work in the City on September 1, 1929 — the day that Wall Street crashed. Against that sombre backcloth he trained in the investment trust business, his first job being with the United States Debenture Corporation. He joined Robert Fleming & Co, of which he became a director in 1937.

After war service in the Royal Artillery he returned to Flemings, where he became a respected figure in the management of investment trusts. Later he helped the firm to diversify into the management of pension funds.

He had a benign presence which did not prevent him from being regarded by younger colleagues as a schoolmasterly figure instructing them in their duties.

Meanwhile he built up his countryside interests. He had a farm in Northamptonshire (where he was High Sheriff in 1973). He hunted and fished, and had an estate in Sutherland for stalking.

These interests were reflected in articles he wrote for *Country Life* and elsewhere.

He was a director of the Westminster Bank and from 1956-65 a Crown Estate Commissioner.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter.

DAWS BUTLER

Daws Butler, who was one of the best-known voices in Hollywood, but an unknown face, has died aged 71: the voices he provided included those of Yogi Bear and Huckleberry Hound.

Charles Dawson Butler had worked for thirty years at Hanna-Barbera Productions, for which he also provided the voices, in the anonymity of recording studios, of Quick-Draw McGraw, Snagglepuss, Cap'n Crunch, Augie Doggie, Lippy Lion, Blabber Mouth and Peter Potamus.

He might not have impressed his fans if they could have seen him. He was 5 ft 2in tall: "a little man, but a giant", in the words of his boss, Joe Barbera, who also described him as "one of the most talented artists we've ever been associated with". He had helped to launch the company, now part of the Hollywood establishment.

MR JOHN GARDNER

Mr John Gardner, who has died aged 48, had made valuable contributions to the study of Chinese politics and especially of Chinese education policy.

After taking a first in history at the London School of Economics in 1962 he spent four years at the School of Oriental and African Studies. He went to Manchester University in 1966 and had been a senior lecturer in government since 1974.

He became president of the British Association for Chinese Studies in 1979-80 and assisted the Department of Education and Science, the British Academy and the British Council to develop academic links with China.

His publications included many articles and *Chinese Politics and the Succession to Mao.*

He leaves a son and a daughter.

ADML SERGEI GORSHKOV

Captain P. R. D. Kimm, RN (Rtd), writes:

Your obituary (May 16) of Admiral of the Fleet of the Soviet Union S. G. Gorshkov did not bring out the essence of his achievement: he managed to persuade the ponderous, bureaucratic *and essentially land-minded* Soviet leadership that they needed a new navy.

There is much evidence to suggest that the peg on which he hung his case was the Cuban quarantine, when, under the threat of mutual nuclear destruction, the weak Soviet Navy of the day had to back away in the face of United States naval supremacy. "Look," Gorshkov must have said in effect to the Politburo; "look what you need if you really want to be a superpower."

Thus, for me, he is an even greater figure than was Fisher in his time. Fisher was arguing for his navy with politicians who (in those days) were fundamentally sympathetic to his case: Gorshkov was not.

I respectfully salute the memory of a very great adversary.

Mr Jack E. Jones, a Senator in the Rhodesian Parliament from 1970-75, has died, aged 80, in Harare. The son of a Welsh father and African mother, he built up Euro-African Building Contractors, a company which was among the first in Rhodesia to establish training schemes for non-whites.

He was a lay preacher, and joined the Rhodesian Front Party in the 1950s.

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A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE
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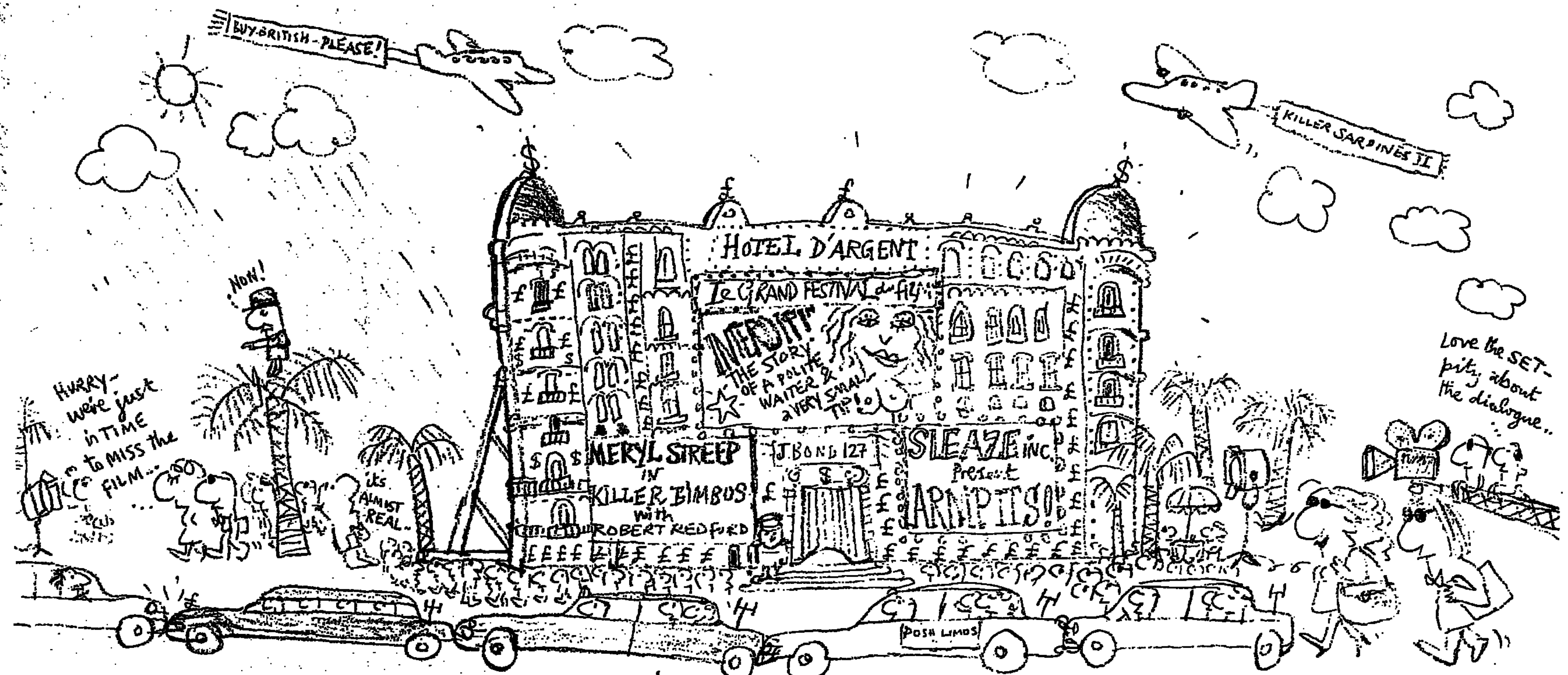
Life and lunch at Cannes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POSH LIMOS

TUESDAY MAY 10

Every year at Cannes, usually at about three in the morning, some producer or would-be director will raise their head off the table where it has been lying in a pool of liquor and come up with the "great idea" of actually shooting a movie in Cannes during the festival, a film which would capture the chaos, the glamour, the sheer white-heat creativity of it all.

The idea usually lies right there on the table where it belongs, for a moment's thought will confirm that while a film set seems to be in a state of chaos, in fact it is a highly organized chaos with an ultimate clear motive for its existence. Cannes itself is pure formless chaos, whose motive is indeterminate.

As a matter of fact, this year *Starlets* is lensing on the Croisette, starring Tony Curtis, John Hurt and Irina Brook. Curtis is a movie mogul, the head of Important Pictures, who is searching for a starlet to be in his pictures. Hurt will appear in seven different disguises, although presumably not that of a starlet. In fact Curtis might well be strapped for choice this year, since the rain is lashing down most days, and the beach is noticeably devoid of starlet activity. It is said that the main suites in the Carlton Hotel facing the plage come equipped with binoculars. If so, they are rusting in their cases.

I make contact with David Robinson, *The Times* film critic, who this year is on the jury — only the third British critic, after Alexander Walker and Philip French, to be accorded that honour. It seems that the recent acquisition of Marilyn Monroe's dress in which she shimmered her way through *Some Like It Hot* was bid for at auction by David himself, and knocked down at the ridiculous price of £18,000. He is clearly an expert in the salerooms, since he also acquired for the British Film Institute some time ago Charlie Chaplin's bowler hat and cane. He looks better in the hat and cane than he does in the dress.

There is a producer to be found in town who has had a sheaf of stickers made up. He says they are for sticking on the ceiling above your bed. They read: "You got the part."

WEDNESDAY MAY 11

No doubt there was once the time when the festival existed to showcase the best of cinematic art to the world's reviewers and duly be recorded. Nowadays, however, the official selection screens are in a sense the sidebar eventside-show. Of the 60,000 people who descend on this modest seaside town, there cannot be more than 3,000 journalists. The majority of producers, agents, money men, "consultants" and fat men in sharkskin suits have probably never even see a movie.

Today is the usual round of five and a half films in one day, making hay while the energy lasts. The weather is cloudy and wet. This means that people here have to do what they are supposed to do, which is sit in cinemas. This leaves them feeling very shirty.

The Japanese film of the evening has an earphone commentary from a lady whose English is spoken in the received pronunciation which was last heard on the BBC some 20 years ago.

A chat with Paul Schrader, a man I have long admired and who I suspect may well transpire to be the most interesting director of his generation. Apparently he has run into trouble from the American left over his film *Patty Hearst*, for portraying the Symbionese Liberation Army as the morons they undoubtedly were. He is unrepentant.

THURSDAY MAY 12

A prominent member of the jury tells of how he went out for dinner the night before with Isabella Rossellini, a co-juror. He spent most of the evening with her before realizing that it was in fact Nastassia Kinski, who has replaced Miss Rossellini at the last minute.

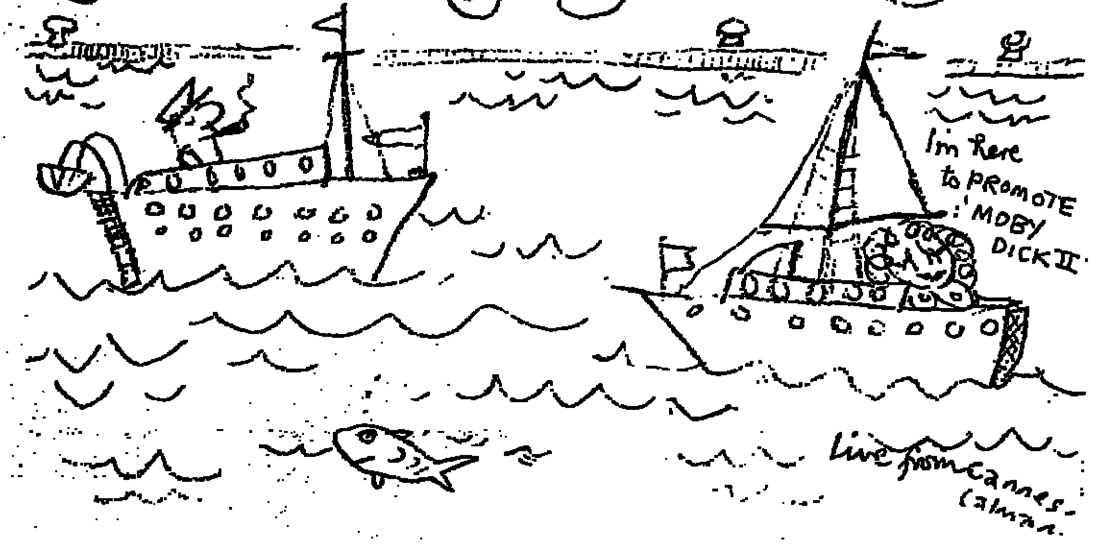
FRIDAY MAY 13

The best trade news so far is that the septuagenarian Parisian Serge Silberman, the veteran producer of Buñuel's last film and Kurosawa's *Ran*, is set to produce *Nostromo* for the 80-year-old David Lean. Silberman can be the rudest man on earth, and also one of the most generous. Once, at the end of a very long lunch, he offered me half his wealth, which must be considerable, if only he could have half my youth. I would gladly have obliged him if I could. Neither he nor Lean is known to be the compromising sort. What we are about to witness could be the last battle of the titans. It would make a good movie.

Ahead of me in the queue at the American Express office is an American who has just drawn about $2,000. He exits waving his wad in the air, and shouting to his companion and the assembled queues: "I just love being an ugly American". Everywhere there are fat men in shirts that look like a bad acid trip, drinking Perrier, gazing at the horizon and murmuring about satellite rights, four wall deals, and sums of money as big as telephone numbers.

SATURDAY MAY 14

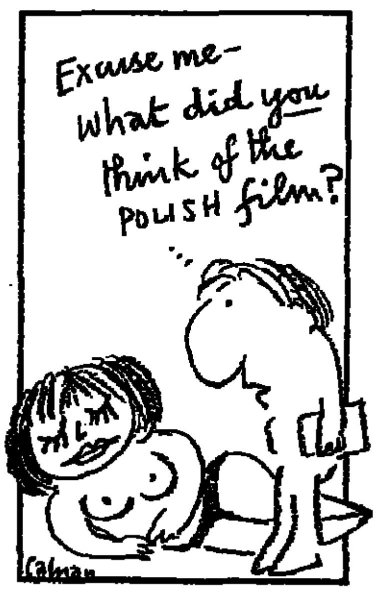
At a buffet lunch thrown by Channel 4's film division, apparently to unveil their new logo (which is indecipherable — one can only deduce that a designer must have got at it), Colin MacCabe, one-time professor of structuralism, tells me that I must see the new Terence Davies film, which he has produced for the BFI. He tells me that I will find this morally improving. No doubt it is a fine film, but the day that we have to turn to the BFI for moral improvement is the day we all take to the boats.


I'm here to PROMOTE: MOBY DICK II
Live from Cannes - Calman.

SUNDAY MAY 15

My hotel is on the far side of the harbour, which I have to walk around six, maybe eight times a day. It is a large harbour, close packed with boats of every description. The curious thing is that I have never seen a single soul on any of them. I did see a party of skin divers one morning, but they seemed to be more intent on posing in their Armani-designed rubberwear than anything serious in the scuba line.

To dinner with Bob Hoskins, who has his directorial debut, *Raggedy Rawney*, here. Apparently he has been bearding every director he comes across over the past two years for tips on the craft, only to find that when he began the usual thing happened, and the film just ran away with him, and got made in spite of his efforts.


Excuse me - what did you think of the POLISH film?
Calman

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MONDAY MAY 16

I blunder accidentally into a pornographic cinema. It takes me a good hour or so before I can find my way out again. The narrative drive of what is on the screen is very poor. The lighting is terrible and the camera angles very amateur. But the subject matter is a good deal more honest than much of what is in the official competition.

Back on the Croisette, I can see Klaus Kinski pursuing his favourite hobby of beating up cameramen. Where else in the world would afford such a man such limitless possibilities? It must be the only reason he comes. As usual he has shoulder-length hair, but something must have gone wrong with the morning rinse, as its usual blonde colour has become a deep red. He looks like an orang-utan.

TUESDAY MAY 17

To the beach for coffee with Alexandro Jodorowsky, who directed of every hippie's favourite piece of Zen lunacy, *El Topo* fifteen years ago. He tells me that since then he has mostly been staring at the wall, waiting for a producer for his next movie. One has now turned up in the shape of Claudio Argento, brother of Dario Argento, Italy's most imaginative director of splatter matter. The new work is called *Santa Sangria*, and is about a man who kills 30 women and buries them in the back garden. Obviously an everyday story of Cannes folk, and indeed Jodorowsky assures me that he has killed 30 women in his time, "but psychologically speaking. And I have buried them within the garden of myself."

Michael Douglas has announced that he will be using Victorine Studios at Nice as his base for a forthcoming slate of four movies to be made by his Stone Company, with a total budget of some $22 million. Victorine is a pleasant studio, with a long history. When it was run in the Twenties by Rex Ingram, an American director who came to Europe in a huff after not being offered the direction of *Ben Hur*, it was where Michael Powell, the greatest living British film director, served his apprenticeship. One suspects Douglas acquired the taste for the Côte d'Azur while shooting parts of *The Jewel of the Nile* on the Croisette here in Cannes (out of the festival season).

WEDNESDAY MAY 18

Wake at three in the morning, on top of the bed fully clothed. I am still wearing sunglasses.

Dinner with Jeremy Thomas, this year's Oscar winner for *The Last Emperor*. He still has not received his statuette as they are engraving it. Mark Peploe, the writer of the film, says he brought his away with him, and apparently they are sending on a little plaque which he can stick on it.

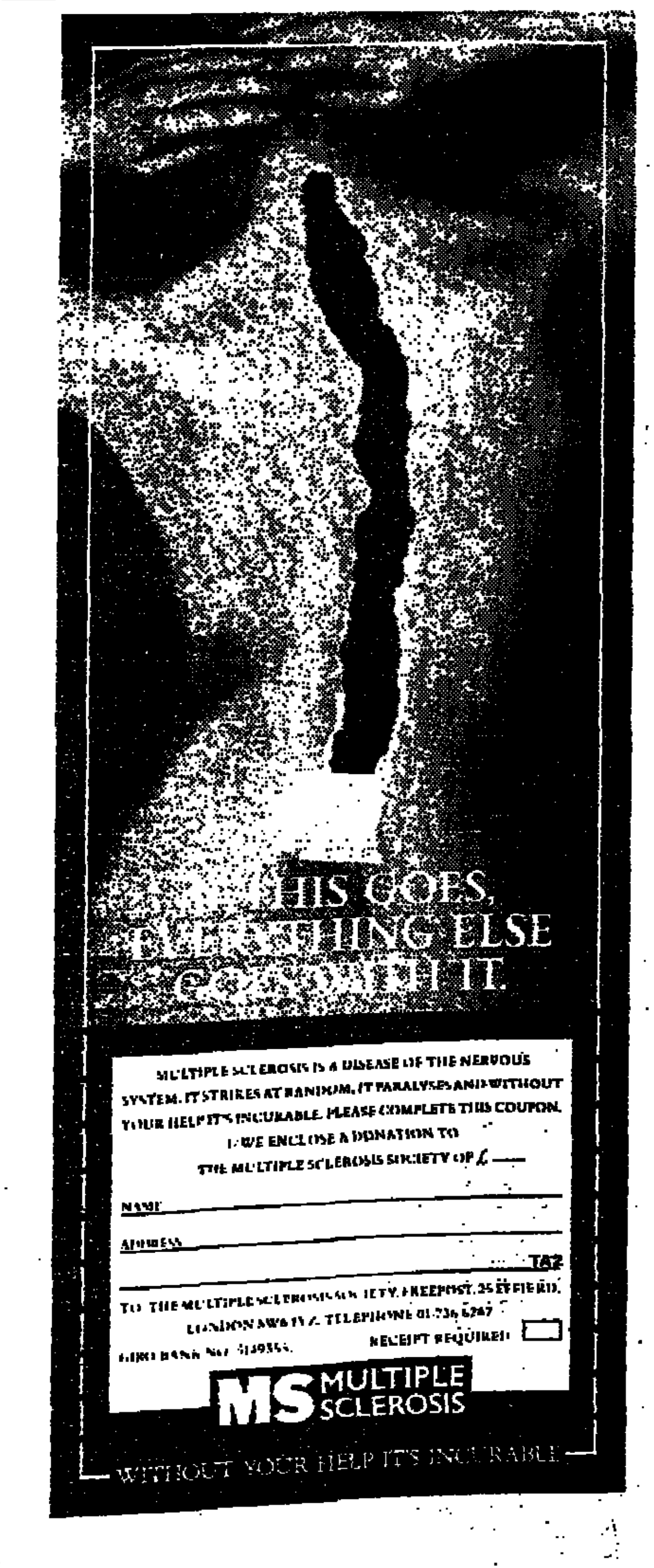
The problem arises of just how to display it. Too prominent a niche would be affectation, and not displaying it at all would be an equal affectation. According to Hercules Belleville, Jeremy's aide, Jack Nicholson has his high on a top shelf where it may be seen after some little while. Chris Blackwell of Island Records is also present and recalls the days when he worked on *Dr No*, since he was a local boy and could fix things like hotels, cars, and Ursula Andress's white bikini. By coincidence he spots Terence Young, director of that and indeed all the best Bond pictures, further down the restaurant.

THURSDAY MAY 19

Passing beneath the balconies of the Grand Hotel one is observed by two hard-faced men of striking similarity in dark suits. They do not move much, because they are cardboard cutouts of the Kray brothers. They are soon to be the subject of a film, which will be shot later this year by David Drury, whose debut was the excellent conspiracy thriller *Defence of the Realm*. The brothers are to be played by Gary and Martin Kemp, who are two-fifths of the band Spandau Ballet.

FRIDAY MAY 20

There is a long and detailed report in the latest *Variety* entitled "The rise and fall of the Coca-Cola kid", which one suspects is there to provide the other side of the story to the Puttnam-inspired piece by Tina Brown which appeared in *Vanity Fair* and *The Sunday Times Magazine*. It is remarkable for a number of reasons, not least that it actually quotes people involved who have not spoken to the Press in years. The animosity Puttnam provoked can be quite alarming. And strange, too, because one characteristic for which he has been noted is diplomacy. However, it looks like he rode into town with his gun unholstered and a burr under his horse's saddle. My own 10 cents'-worth of theory is that he was so loath to take the job in the first place, particularly in the light of his perennial criticism of Hollywood's excesses, that he put himself on self-destruct right from the beginning. There have been 10 kinds of rumour around town about what really caused his downfall, and who it was that finally got Puttnam in the cross hairs. These theories range from the ridiculous to the highly slanderous, but then the one thing Hollywood always did well was imaginative narrative. The truth, as usual, will be prosaic.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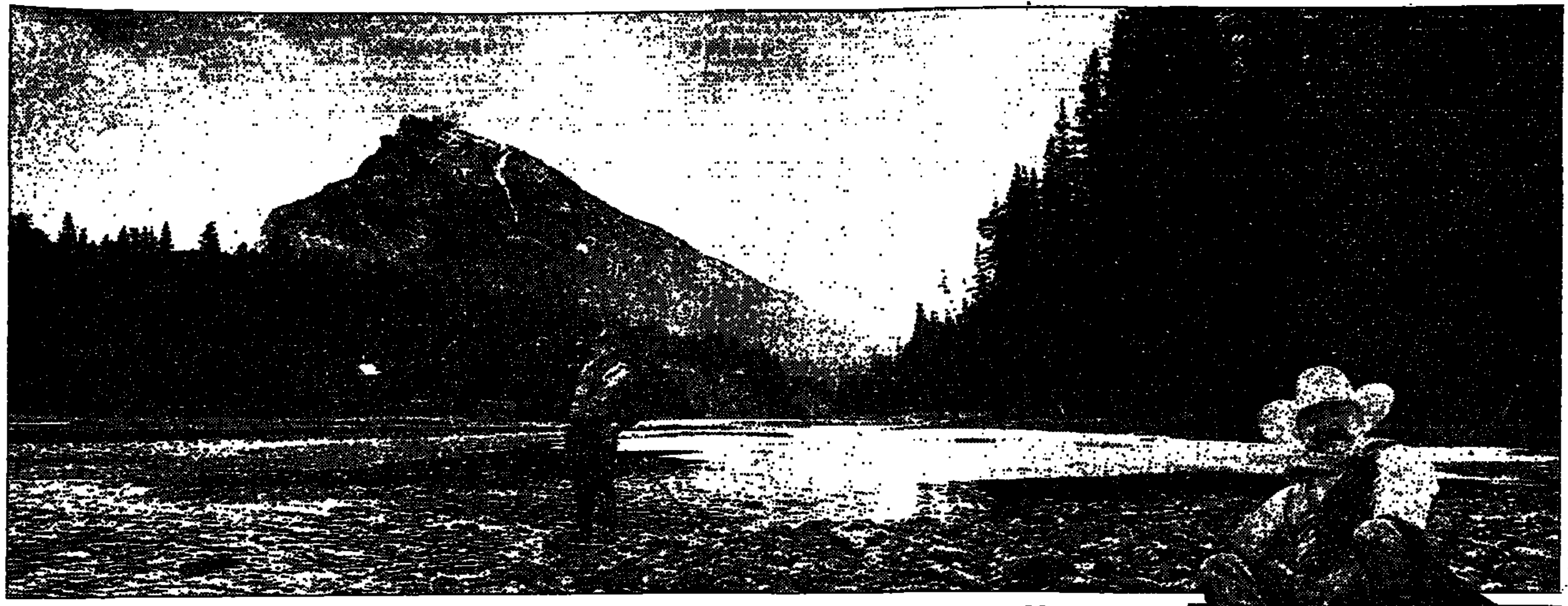


Big country: dwarfed by the splendour of his surroundings, a fisherman pauses on the Bow River, Banff. In the background, Mount Rundle

Take the Rocky road to Calgary

Once a year Calgary turns into a rootin', shootin' cow town for the Stampede but, says **Robin Neillands,** close by there is to be found a land of wild and desolate beauty

For most of the year, modern Calgary hardly resembles a cow-town. Rich from the oil revenues of Alberta, this is a city of sky-scrapers and glitter-glass, of wide, clean streets, a place of fountains, gardens, parks and sculpture, where well-dressed crowds throng the banks and richly-stocked shopping malls — and then comes the Calgary Stampede. For two weeks in July the town reverts to its Western origins, false-fronted saloon signs obscure the modern glitz, hay-bales and saddles decorate even the banks, and the whole town settles down to what my taxi driver accurately described as: "Ten days of the most rootin'-tootin', hell-raising fun you've ever had in your whole darn' life". He was right. People forget that Canada, too, has a West, a place of ranches and cattle and cowboys and Indians, and they all come together at the Stampede.

The Calgary Stampede began before the turn of the century as a livestock show for the local ranchers and farmers, and the rodeo element was added in 1912. Since that time the Stampede has grown to be the classic American rodeo, the Wimbledon for the Wild Bunch, where broncs buck, steers are ridden, calves roped and the entire population, plus a million or so visitors, climb into the big hats and cowboy boots for a 10-day Western riot. The Stampede roars on around the clock, with shoot-outs, rock shows, dances, parades and chuck-waggon races and, the Wild West's latest craze, pig-racing. Pig-racing is sure to catch on, so remember that you first heard about it here. The city bars do a roaring trade, people stay up after the show to dance the night away, and after two days and nights of this, only the most committed rodeo buff and well-trained night-owl is in a fit state to continue.

Then it is time to head out into Alberta, the cowboy province of Canada, and try a little of the real thing.

We went south, to the little town of Pincher Creek in the foothills of the Rockies. Here trail-riders and Western buffs can find out if they are made of the Right Stuff at Chuck Ridders' Gladstone Mountain Ranch, a comfortable horse-ranch set at the foot of the range. The riding is Alpine-style, on narrow tracks up the steep mountain sides; great fun but not for the faint-hearted. One girl laughed all the way up the 10,000 ft-high Gladstone Mountain because of the fun, and wept all the way down because of the awesome drop. My method during descents was to sit well back in the saddle, ram my feet well forward in the stirrups and close my eyes. When they were open, the views were fantastic.

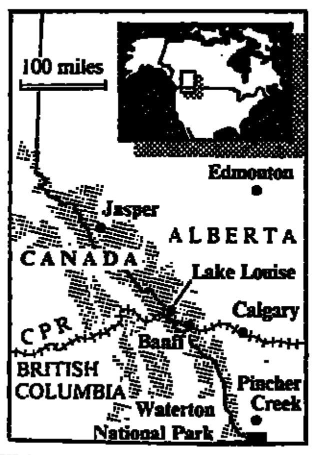
These trail rides, which can last from an hour up to several days, were led by Donna Murray, a slight, blonde, whisp of a girl, who can ride anything with hair on, shoe a horse, build a log cabin or shoot a grizzly bear. In case this last should be necessary, she carried a 12-gauge shotgun strapped to her saddle.

Other sights can include bears, both the black and the grizzly, and the mountain-lion or cougar. We saw no bears, but moose and deer put in an appearance, spring-flowers drenched the mountains in colour, and if you want to try Western riding through some of the most beautiful country in the world, then the high Chinook country of Southern Alberta is certainly the place.

Just 30 miles north of the Waterton National Park, across the rolling prairie and through a buffalo park, Waterton Townsite stands at the northern end of Waterton Lake among breathtaking scenery. The roving visitor gets to see a lot of mountain scenery in Alberta.

Waterton is one of the smallest of the Canadian National Parks, 56 square miles in area, but it abuts the much larger Glacier National Park of Montana. These two straddle the frontier between the USA and Canada and in 1932 they were joined to form the world's first Peace Park, a symbol of the long and peaceful friendship between these two countires. Waterton is a summer resort, packed with visitors in July and August, when the fishermen, bird-watchers and walkers descend on the park, but shrinking to a population of just 75 during the winter months, when the snow sweeps in. During the short summer season there is plenty to do, cruising the lake, fishing for the huge lake trout, walking on countless miles of trail, or observing the local wildlife. The Prince of Wales Hotel, a wooden structure built in the baronial style, commands the resort, but the Bayshore Inn has some very good food, the lake at the door and the Thirsty Bear Saloon, all for $40 (£20) a night.

Two days rest at Waterton set me up for yet another day and night of rootin'-and-tootin' back in Calgary, and then I set off again across Alberta, driving west across the prairie to Banff, the most celebrated resort town of the Canadian Rockies. Banff has been a tourist town since the late 1880s, when the Canadian Pacific Railway came forging through here, driving a track across the Rockies from Calgary to Vancouver, a spectacular route that is now justly hailed as one of the world's great train rides. I settled for a good dinner at the Cabooze Restaurant, down by the railway track, and left early next morning, driving north through the Banff National Park to Jasper, up the line of the Bow River along the Icefield Parkway, past Lake Louise. Jasper is larger than Waterton, more open and less touristic than Banff, but since all good things must end, came the last, long drive east to Edmonton and the West Edmonton Mall, the only hyper-market I have visited which has hotels, a skating rink, a huge swimming pool with surfing waves, an aquarium complete with sharks and penguins, dancing fountains, and jazz-bands, not to mention a thousand or more shops, the perfect place to spend the last of your holiday dollars.



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Full details on the sights and events from Travel Alberta, Alberta House, 1 Mount Street, London W1Y 5AA, Tel: (01 491 3430). Air Canada has up to four flights weekly to Calgary at prices from £408 return. Air Canada can also arrange tickets for the Stampede in July (01 759 2636). The Gladstone Mountain Ranch, Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada (0101-403 627 2244). Prices start at $55 (£27) per day. A car is essential and car-hire costs from around $26 (£13) a day, with unlimited mileage.

A fast buck: drama at the Calgary Stampede

And don't say 'no problem'

OPINION

BARRY FANTONI

There are three books bound in faded Morocco leather on the reception desk of a grand hotel in Crete. The names, addresses and comments of guests who have stayed there since the hotel was built in 1963 are a history of the Greek travel industry. On Page Three of Volume One, there is a warm letter by Mrs Walt Disney, thanking the then owner, Mr Sotirichos for "the pleasant accommodation and wonderful hospitality we enjoyed". The letter is signed by Walt. A more recent entry in Volume Three comes from a retired couple who complain of the bar prices.

During the early Sixties Greece was cheap. At that time only about 70,000 tourists visited mainland Greece and the islands, most of them well-heeled. Last year, Greece paid host to seven million sun seekers, nearly half of whom were back-packers. What happened to tourism in Italy and Spain during the Sixties and early Seventies, is now a growing matter of concern in Greece. The dilemma which faces the Greek travel industry is this: how do you open your doors to everyone and remain exclusive? How, in blunter words, do you keep the bank manager happy with revenue drawn from the fish and chip and getting-drunk-in-the-street brigade, while watching the middle and top end of the market vow never to return?

Over the last 20 years, the Greeks have responded with uncharacteristic energy to their tourist industry. They, like the Spanish and Italians, have learned what English and Germans eat for breakfast, what they prefer to drink and how they like to spend their evenings. No matter that in most resorts traditional Greek food has been all but replaced by the universal pizza and German lager, the attraction has always been that a holiday in Greece is cheap. Yet, if you are playing host to the likes of Walt Disney, you can't have him being pinned down in the bar by someone from Barnsley complaining about the price of a pint. And the worry doesn't end there. The summer of 1987 saw dozens of Greek hotels as much as 50 per cent empty — even during the high season. It is easy to imagine the feelings of the average Greek hotelier staring bleakly at his list of unfilled rooms while last year's customers are flying overhead to the land of his ancient enemy, and their feelings are not likely to improve when this year Britain's most significant Greek tour operator introduces a *Best of Turkey* brochure.

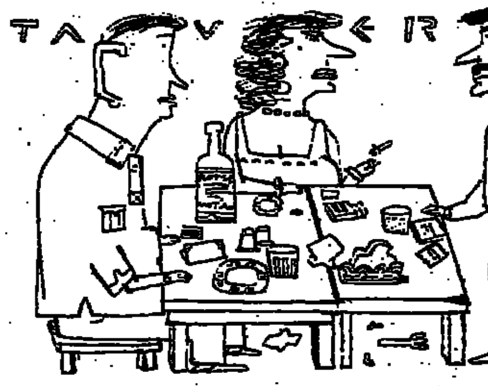
For many small Greek hotels the writing is on the wall; they must cut prices and provide service — something the majority of Greek men just can't manage. The Greeks have given the world logic, drama and democracy. What they haven't done is understood how to act with grace and good humour when serving a table of middle-class English tourists. The universal Greek response to any question is: "No problem". This means there is a problem, the problem being that whatever it is you want will not arrive, no matter that it's another piece of bread or a bottle of mineral water for your hotel room's mini bar. Incidentally, I have an interesting recipe for a Greek salad which emphasizes this point. Cut up a tomato and a cucumber and put the pieces in a bowl. Add fetta cheese, dressing and olives and keep the customer waiting for half an hour.

Clearly the luxury end of Greek tourism stands a better than even chance of surviving the impending crisis, providing the hotel owners have their wits about them. The challenge is to restore the confidence in those who have deserted Greece — tourists irritated by hopelessly inadequate airports, over-priced food and non-existent service.

But even here, Greek hoteliers seem to be dogged by a built-in self-destruct mechanism. An apparently isolated case, told to me by a highly experienced travel writer, actually serves to highlight the deeper problem — yes, there is a problem — that is capable of obstructing even the wealthiest and most far-sighted Greek hotel owner. In this particular case, my travelling friend Chris had been invited to a Greek island for the opening of a five-star hotel. The hotel had cost £56 million to build, the food was first class, and the rooms were the epitome of comfort.

But there was one glaring discrepancy of taste, a folly of cost-cutting which summed up Greek hotels and, in my view, the whole tottering Greek tourist industry. As he picked up his knife to cut his way into a delicately prepared steak, he noticed with horror that the knife, and indeed the whole set of cutlery that adorned the pink cotton table cloth, was cheap aluminium. It was the kind of implement found in a works canteen, a step up from the white plastic jobs with blunt serrated edges. He pointed out that people spending more than £1,000 a week each, would expect more from a brand new exclusive five-star hotel. He explained that cutlery should be at least silver-plated — anything but aluminium. The Greeks looked surprised. "But, Chris," they argued, "tourists steal the knives and forks".

After sharply rising profits, and in some cases, overnight prosperity, the Greeks are about to face a decline in tourism. Sadly, they will do so knowing less about the millions who have flocked to their islands than they did when it all started 20 years ago.



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Round the Horn

Playing hunt-the-hostelry in lush Devon lanes adds to the pleasure of escaping to the West Country. Coming off the motorway map at Newton Abbot, the sun shone for the thin red line across Dartmoor to Tavistock. A mile or two on Gulworthy is no more than a scattering of dots at a crossroads.

The Horn of Plenty came into view at the critical afternoon hour when it was getting a bit late for tea but might be dangerously early for drink. Either could take the edge off what promised to be an exceptionally good dinner. It was, too, for The Horn of Plenty's reputation is firmly based on Sonia Stevenson's skills in the kitchen. Her chicken with a ginger, lime and cream sauce is a dish I have cooked ever since.

Nothing else about the place is the least bit trendy. At a time when many put more effort into decor than *demi glace*, the dining room with its old gold Sixties style would be unsurprising in the French provinces. There are no frothing spa-baths or exercise bikes here. The bedrooms in converted stabling are fresh and comfortable. Their balconies share with the dining room, long soothing views westward, and the same vista can be soaked in on the vine-swagged terrace.

This month Sonia and Patrick Stevenson are celebrating The Horn of Plenty's 21st birthday. Both set off in life as musicians. Neither was formally trained for anything else. But after 21 years years in the business there an assurance about all they do which makes for an atmosphere of calm in which it is easy to relax.

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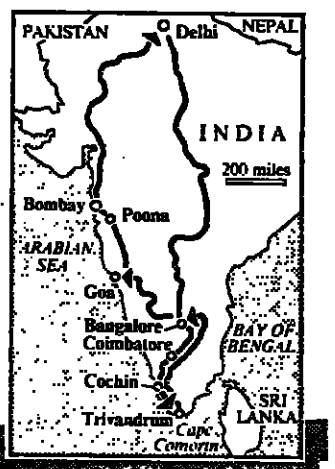
Express delivery from Delhi

STEPHEN MARKESON

India rail regrets . . . families face a wait at Delhi station, where a passenger (right) crouches on the platform



Christopher Portway takes his first class seat on an air-conditioned train, and enjoys a journey through India – all on one cheap ticket

What is different about Indian trains? Images arise from preconceived notions of coaches packed to and over the roof; from mind-boggling statistics that reveal countless millions who use the multiple-gauge, 70,000-kilometre network. Visitors glance in horror at the seething platforms of Delhi or Bombay and, shuddering, turn away. The whole system reeks of appalling inefficiency. And yet Indian trains are a miracle of reliability. They are not fast, but neither are they usually more than a few minutes late.

I started my Indian sub-continental rail journeying nearly 20 years ago and have been going back for more ever since.

It has to be said that buying a ticket and acquiring a berth for a long-distance journey involves time-consuming hassle. Tickets are issued for specific trains and Indian institutions are notorious for their bureaucracy. But, mercifully, there is a short cut through the red tape and, more to the point, what I deem to be the greatest travel bargain there has ever been — the Indrail pass, an airline-type voucher that is the open-sesame to Indian rail travelling.

The pass can be purchased only by foreign nationals against hard currency payment abroad, at Indian "gateway" airports or at reservation offices at the main Indian cities and is valid for varying periods for all three classes of travel — air-conditioned, first/AC chair, and second. The best buy, in my opinion, is the first/AC chair class (which allows daytime use of air-conditioned coaches). A 15-day period, for instance, costs about £60. The second class pass for the same period costs £30, while the fully air-conditioned class is available at £120. The cost for shorter or longer periods is correspondingly lower or higher but all give free access to 7000 passenger trains over the world's second largest rail network. It includes sleeper berths on overnight journeys and affords a degree of priority as well as exclusion of berth and seat reservation charges and express train supplements. On India's crack expresses the air-conditioned class pass covers all meals and snacks offered on the train as well as overnight bedding.

Armed with my 15-day pass I set out southward from New Delhi on the Kerala Express on its two-night, three-day run to Trivandrum, the Kerala state capital. My two-berth first-class compartment was spartan but clean and equipped with a battery of fans and on the whole trip there were never more than two of us in it. There is a choice of meat or vegetarian meals which are ordered ahead, cost no more than 30p are and picked up at specific stations and delivered to the passenger. Sweet, milky tea or coffee is available throughout the day.

At Trivandrum, 3054 kilometres from Delhi, I spent my first of several nights in station retiring rooms — another Indian institution bequeathed by the British. Dormitories usually contained eight beds, always wash basins, showers and lockers (but bring your own padlock). Invariably fresh sheets and pillow-cases were provided and the rooms were clean. Charges per night were 75 pence; double this if you want and can get a room to yourself.

My continuing journey took me on to Kanniya Kumari — Cape Comerin — the extreme south where, if the Almighty had given us three legs one could plant each of them in the trio of oceans that meet here in thunderous embrace.

From Kanniya Kumari came a retracing of iron wheels to Cochin, a modern port and ancient city spreading over several islands as well as the mainland sector called Ernakulam, and eastwards to Coimbatore. Bangalore came next, and it was here I had a night "off the tracks" at the delicious Hotel Windsor Manor. Goa and more beaches on the palm-fringed Malabar coast followed as did Poona (Pune) known to generations of British soldiers, and another mountain railway at Matheran, before Bombay loomed. And here, having lived well if basically on less than £2 a day, one can afford to be cossetted is the magnificent Bombay Oberoi.

The ride back to Delhi I made on the Rajdhani Express which covers the near-1400 kilometres in 17 hours (instead of the usual 28) in air-conditioned comfort. After an intimidating spell of Oberoi high-living to be back on the trains was like coming home.

TRAVEL NOTES

The Indrail pass can be bought in the UK from SDEL, 21 York House, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex.
General information from the Indian Government Tourist Office, 21 Cork Street, London W1.

TRAVEL NEWS

Taking a flying leap at the weekend

Jumping out of an aeroplane, or flying one, are two of the *Action Extras* offered in a new programme of sporting weekends from Hilton Hotels. The parachuting weekends at Basingstoke and Warwick consist of two days training under the auspices of the British Parachute Association and a descent. From £122 with two nights bed and breakfast.

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- **Next month British Airways (01-897 4000) begins direct flights to California's second largest city, San Diego, 15 miles north of the Mexican border. It is an add-on hop to the airline's daily Los Angeles service. Low season Apex fares from £517.**

Ask for moor

On safari in Somerset. Not a tall tale but a new venture. Four wheel drive allows the Somerset Safari Company's clients to explore parts of Exmoor that the family saloon cannot reach. Ex-policeman and adventure training instructor Stephen Rees-Jones tailors tours to meet the wildlife, sporting and gastronomic tastes of small groups. (0823-443857).

If the bizarre can be counted upon to attract tourists then the reconstructed ropeway spanning Aberaeron harbour in Dyfed is sure to be a success. The original Aeron Express constructed in 1885 replaced a bridge destroyed by flood, and ran until 1932. The new steel ropeway, from which a carriage is suspended, opens on May 28.

- **The boom in holidays to America has drawn TWA into the package market. The airline's Getaway America programme includes fly drive holidays, camper hire, city stays, hotel touring cruising and coach holidays. Brochure prices are based on Apex midweek flights to 50 points in USA with a starting return fare of £299 inclusive of up to two weeks car hire per couple travelling. Additional incentives include a £3 duty free voucher. (0293-820809).**

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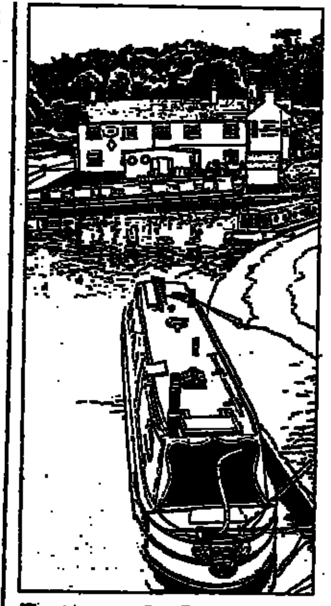

Foxton, on the Grand Union

Pathfinder

In the *The Great Towpath Walk* Brian Bearshow (Robert Hale, £10.95), walks from London to York in long strides of 20 miles or so, *writes Shona Crawford Poole*. His journey begins on the Thames at Westminster, and works north on the Grand Union Canal to the Rivers Trent and Ouse by way of the villages, pubs, churches, characters, history and countryside that can be enjoyed by those on foot. I am grateful for his introduction to a Chelsea pub called The Ferret and Firkin in the Balloon up the Creek.

TRAVEL BOOKS

A journey in the footsteps of Byron

Byron's Travels, by Allan Massie (Sidgwick & Jackson, £14.95), is "nothing less than a new biography of a complex and compelling character", Elizabeth Longford says in her introduction. Since Lord Byron spent about two thirds of adult life abroad, an account of his journeys based on his vivid letters and diaries is certain to answer to that description. It follows the poet on his first Grand Tour at the age of 21 to his death in Greece at the age of 36. Its publication coincides with the 200th anniversary of his birth.

- ***Drive Around Norway*, by Robert Spark (Trafton Publishing, £5.95), is useful reading for anyone planning a motoring holiday in the land of fjords. The series includes guides to Denmark and Sweden.**

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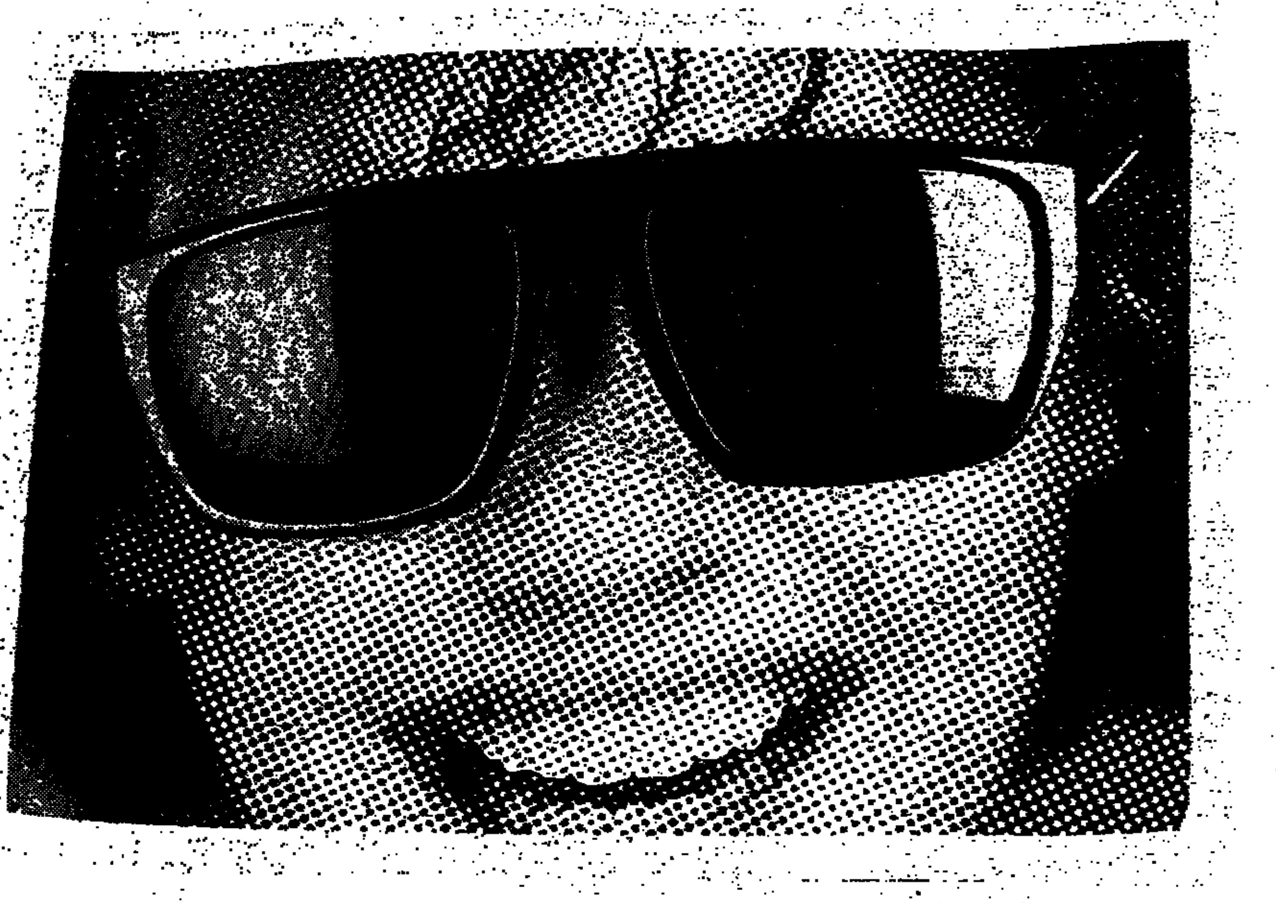

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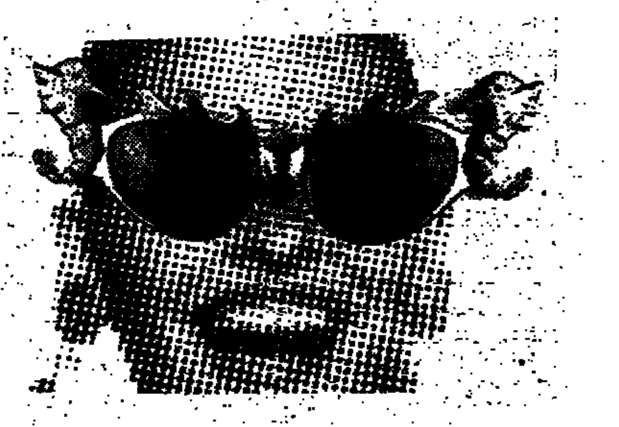

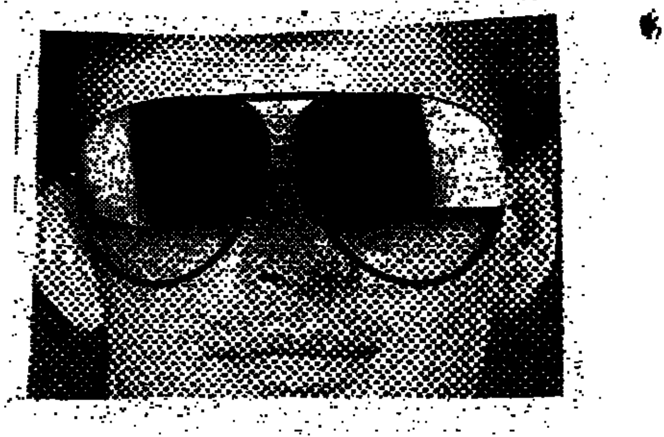

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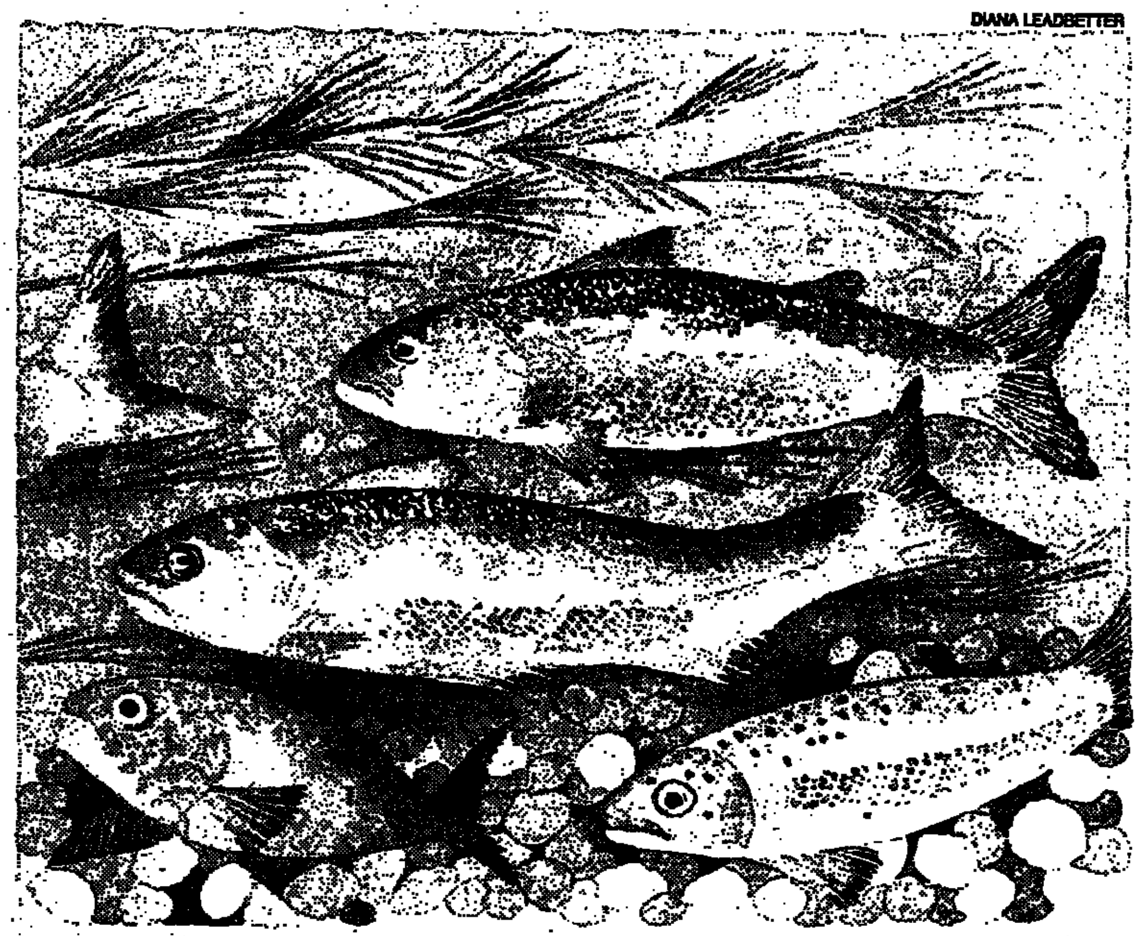


DIANA LEADBETTER

It might be salmon season in the kitchen, but an encounter with a 'farmed' specimen alerts Frances Bissell to the danger of the king of fish becoming as tasteless as battery chickens

Although salmon and salmon trout are still fairly expensive, this is when they are at their best. Supposedly. I have been disappointed recently with some of the salmon I have cooked. Unless it is labelled "wild salmon", what you will buy will be farmed, as was the last piece I cooked. It was a nice looking middle cut joint, weighing about 1½ pounds (and costing about £7). Using my electric steamer, I put some new potatoes on to steam in the bottom tray and part way through their cooking, I placed the salmon in the second rack on top. All I had done to it was smear a little tarragon butter inside it and over the cut edges. Judging it to be perfectly cooked, I served it with the new potatoes. Two mouthfuls told us that it was woolly, fatty and soft in texture with little flavour. We ate no further, and the rest was turned into kedgeree for breakfast the next day and salmon butter to serve with vegetables and pasta. But what a waste! Perhaps we were unlucky, for I know many chefs who swear by farmed salmon and prefer to purchase it from a supplier they know, rather than rely on the perhaps more erratic supply of wild salmon. I know which I would prefer to do. But I don't have to supply customers with salmon dishes every day of the year. It worries me to think that salmon, the king of fish, might be going the way of the chicken. In order to meet the demand for them, chickens began to be raised intensively many years ago, to the detriment of flavour and texture. Only now, with a growing realization that flavour, texture and quality are worth paying for, are we seeing the return of tasty chicken-flavoured chickens.

If you decide to buy wild salmon, which is considerably more expensive than farmed salmon, here is a lovely spring recipe combining the fish with tiny, sweet turnips. I suggest fresh dill as a flavouring, but other herbs could substitute just as well – tarragon, basil or chervil, for example. Salmon trout can also be prepared in the same way.

Wild Salmon and Baby Turnips in Paper Parcels

Serves 4

1½ lbs/680g fillet of wild salmon

sea salt

freshly ground black pepper

4 small turnips

1 tablespoon cream or creme fraiche

½ tablespoon chopped fresh dill

2 leeks

1oz/30g unsalted butter

seasoning

Carefully remove any bones from the fish with a pair of tweezers, and slice into diagonal slices, each one weighing about 2oz/60g. Lightly season and put to one side while you prepare the vegetables. Peel the turnips and cut in half. Drop them into boiling, salted water, and boil them for five minutes. Drain and slice very thinly, and mix with the cream or creme fraiche and dill.

Trim the outer leaves from the leeks, chop off the roots and the dark green top. Cut the leeks in half and then cut into fine shreds. Drop them into boiling water and blanch them for three to five minutes. Drain and rinse them under cold water. Cut four hearts or circles of grease-proof paper and butter each one quite liberally. Divide the leeks, and place a small bundle on one half of each piece of grease-proof paper. Lay the turnip pieces on top and three pieces of salmon, folded, if necessary, to fit. Lightly season, fold over the paper and twist the edges together to seal the parcels. Place on a baking sheet, and cookin a pre-heated oven, gas mark 5, 190ºC/375ºF for eight minutes.

If you do have some left-over salmon, here is what to do with it. It makes a good supper dish or first course.

Pasta with Salmon Butter, Asparagus and Broccoli

Serves 4

Salmon Butter

Makes 10oz/280g

6oz/170g cooked salmon

¼lb/110g softened butter

1 tablespoon chopped onions

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

freshly grated nutmeg

salt

pepper

Put all the ingredients in the food processor and blend until smooth. Pack into a bowl, cover and refrigerate.

14oz/400g packet spaghetti

3oz/85g asparagus tips

2oz/60g broccoli florets

Put a large pan of lightly salted water on to boil, and when it does so, put in all the spaghetti. Bring it all back to the boil, and boil it for two minutes. Drop in the vegetables, boil for half a minute more then remove from the heat, cover the pan with a tightly fitting lid, and allow it to stand for nine minutes. The spaghetti and vegetables will be perfectly cooked. Set a large sieve over the serving bowl and drain in some of the cooking water to heat it. Drain the spaghetti and vegetables and return them to the saucepan. Stir in 3 to 4oz/85 to 110g salmon butter. Empty the water out of the serving bowl, and pour in the spaghetti and vegetables. Serve immediately.

With the rest of the asparagus from which you have broken the tips for the previous recipe, you can make a very good soup, something like a vichyssoise, which can be served chilled or hot.

Asparagus Soup

Serves 4 to 6

¾lb/340g asparagus

½lb/230g potatoes

1 small onion

1½ pints/850mls stock

2 tablespoons finely chopped chives

½ pint/280mls single cream or full cream milk

Trim any rough, woody stems from the asparagus and cut into pieces. Peel, slice and dice the potatoes. Peel, slice and finely chop the onion. Simmer the vegetables in the stock until tender. Rub through a sieve and into a bowl if serving cold, or a saucepan if serving hot. Stir in the chives and cream. Chill or heat and season to taste just before serving.

This is a very easy recipe and makes a pleasant change from roast or pot roast chicken. You do not need to use the finest Alsace or German Riesling, but do use a wine of at least the same quality as you would be prepared to drink. You might consider serving a dish of green lentils with it rather than rice or potatoes.

Chicken in Riesling

Serves 4

1 free range chicken weighing about3½lbs/1.60kg

1 medium onion

3 cloves

freshly grated nutmeg

½ bottle Riesling

2 tablespoons double cream (optional)

1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley

salt and pepper to taste

Using poultry scissors or a cleaver, joint the chicken, dividing the leg pieces into thigh and drumstick and cutting the breast piece on half. Heat a large non-stick frying pan, and place in it the pieces of chicken, skin side down, including the back which has little or no meat on it, but cut it in two, and cook it with the chicken pieces as it will add extra flavour to the sauce. Fry the chicken until browned on both sides then remove the pieces. Peel and cut the onion in half. Stick the cloves in one half and thinly slice the other half. Fry until soft and lightly brown in the chicken fat. Drain off any excess fat and return the chicken pieces to the pan. Sprinkle with nutmeg, and pour on the wine. Bring to the boiland skin off any foam. Cover and simmer gently for 40 minutes or until the chicken is tender. Remove the chicken from the pan and place in a heated serving dish, loosely covered in a warm place while you finish the sauce. Discard the back. Boil the cooking juices until you have a good tasty gravy. Add cream if you wish and the parsley and season to taste. Pour over the chicken and serve immediately.

This is based on a dish made by Bradley Ogden at Campton Place in San Francisco. He serves a chilled orange custard with a warm fruit compote. Either way is good.

Warm orange custard with chilled strawberries

Serves 6

½ pint/280mls single cream

½ pint/280mls milk

3½oz/100g caster sugar

2 size 2 eggs

2 size 2 egg yolks

grated zest of one orange

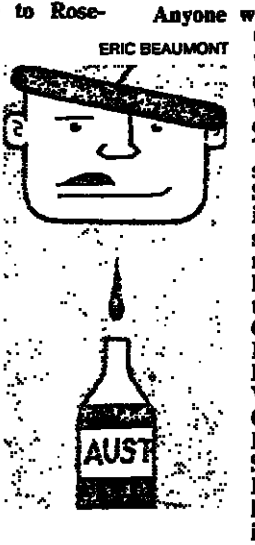
1½ tablespoons orange flavoured liqueur

Heat the cream, milk and sugar in a saucepan. In a bowl lightly beat the eggs, egg yolks, orange zest and liqueur. When the cream is hot but not boiing, pour it slowly on to the egg mixture, stirring continuously. Strain the custard through a fine sieve into six small (about ¼pint/140ml volume) ramekins. Place the ramekins in a roasting tin filled with water bout half way up the side of the ramekins. Lay a piece of foil on top to cover and bake in a pre-heated oven, gas mark 4, 180ºC/350ºF for about 30 minutes or until the custard is set. Remove from the oven,and let them cool somewhat. When warm, turn them out onto plates and serve with chilled strawberries, sliced or left whole, as you wish, macerated in liqueur or syrup, if you prefer. Other fruit can replace the strawberries, but I think the orange/strawberry combination is particularly good.

DRINK

French lesson for the Oz

Time has clearly tamed David Hohnen. Not yet 40, still with youthful, chiselled features and rangy frame and kitted out in the standard Australian winemakers' uniform of kangaroo hide belt and stockman's boots, it is his first visit to London and he has calmed down considerably since our last meeting four years ago at his winery in Western Australia's Margaret River region. Anyone expecting a traditional antipodean wine viewpoint from this talented, outspoken, no-nonsense Australian will be disappointed, however. Hohnen is still as independent of mind and original of deed as ever. Hohnen succinctly explains his enrolment on a two-year wine course – encouraged by parents who both enjoyed wine – most unusual at that time in Australia: "My father kept a very modest cellar and that was enough for me". What it does not explain is his unusual choice of studying enology half the world away at California's Fresno State University in preference to the well-trod Australian winemakers' route to Roseworthy, the country's largest wine school. But if Hohnen felt that Roseworthy would, at that time, be too conservative and limiting a course, he does not consider Fresno to have been perfect, either. "I believe any school can only equip you with the basics, unfortunately you have to learn the rest yourself."



ERIC BEAUMONT

Back home, Hohnen planted out a few vines including California's Zinfandel grape in an especially attractive lush, green corner of Margaret River. His first job was as vineyard manager at Taltarni, a large estate in Victoria run by the Portet family, whose father once worked at Lafite. The experience was illuminating. Hohnen not only learnt the French approach to viticulture via Dominique Portet at Taltarni but more importantly worked one vintage with Bernard Portet at Clos du Val, Taltarni's sister winery in California. By the time Hohnen returned for good to the Margaret River in 1976, to found Cape Mentelle with his businessman brother Mark, he had absorbed at first hand some valuable French and California winecraft. The long-term results were to prove both unique and startling. Or as Hohnen puts it: "When I was a young man I thought those great big alcoholic Australian wines were bloody marvellous. Later, I realized I'd rather have had a European background." His first vintage at Cape Mentelle was 1977. By the 1980s, Hohnen's internationally gleaned expertise and Cape Mentelle's more mature vineyards proved an impressive partnership. So impressive that his 1982 Cape Mentelle Cabernet Sauvignon swept up the major awards at the '83 Royal Melbourne Show. He repeated the coup the following year. Hohnen, surprisingly, does not put the success down to the much-praised Margaret River region. He claims, unlike every other producer here I have spoken to, that it is a tricky area in which to grow grapes economically and well, due to a difficult spring and too warm a winter. What makes the Margaret River one of the three top Australian wine regions, according to Hohnen (Coonawarra and the Yarra Valley being the other two) is its maritime influence especially its cool summer sea breezes. He is clear, too, about the beneficial gallic influence on his Cabernets, "we are making a wine that reflects the region using the basic Bordeaux techniques that I learnt from Bernard Portet". Even clearer, too, about transplanting French methods to Australian soil. "If you didn't fully understand the techniques, you'd botch it."

Anyone who has tasted a Cape Mentelle wine would know that botched wines are not part of its repertoire. Try the '82 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon with its herbacious scent and firm, retrained cassis-like palate (Ostlers, 63a Clerkenwell Road, London EC1, £15.30; La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Road, London SW7, £15.75). Less pricey, and less prestigious, is the vibrant, youthful and blackcurranty '85 Cabernet (Ostlers £9.45, Tanners 26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, £9.41). David Hohnen also has a soft spot for the Syrah grape – or Shiraz as it is known in Australia – and I enjoyed his '86 vintage with its pleasing peppery perfume and spice (Adnams, The Crown, High Street, Southwold, Suffolk £7.48, and La Vigneronne £7.35).

Perhaps the most revolutionary step taken by David Hohnen, given how competitive the Australians and New Zealanders are, was the establishment of his Cloudy Bay New Zealand enterprise which, since 1985, has been producing stunning world class Sauvignon Blanc wines. The latest '87 vintage boasts a heavenly flowering currant scent and taste and is one of the most elegant examples of the Sauvignon grape that I have ever tasted. Almost as good is the '86 Cloudy Bay Chardonnay with its delicious stylish, rich, full pineapply style (Tanners, £8.65, Adnams, £8.57). Independent and outspoken certainly, Australia is nevertheless lucky to have David Hohnen.

Jane MacQuitty

EATING OUT

FRANCIS MOSLEY

At home with the suburban rustics

South of the river, Jonathan Meades dines between the fish and fruit machines

What does Putney mean to you? The boat race? Swinburne returning to Watts-Dunton at The Pines after an afternoon's flagellation in the altogether loucher suburb of St John's Wood? A traffic jam on the way to the A3? All those, no doubt, and more – but everyone surely associates it with a quiet and private affluence.

I've no doubt that an inexpensive establishment such as Le Rustique would have more than a mere two tables occupied on a midweek evening were it half a mile north across the river in Fulham – for Fulham, for all its faults, looks to London and Le Rustique (unfashionably decorated, unpretentious, homely) belongs to a genre of restaurant which is to be found in the city (where it is more likely to be Cypriot or Spanish than French) but which does not cut it in the Home Counties. If you have struggled to own an Odeon style villa off Putney Hill you do not want to take your twelve-month tan, your streaked mane and your Mercedes jeep thing to a place that's parked between the Rock'n'Roe chip shop and a shop that sells fruit machines. You especially don't want to be seen entering an establishment that offers a three-course dinner for £12.50.

Le Rustique is family run and it looks as though the family decorated it – stripped pine and apparently home made ceiling lights. And the cooking has more in common with what you might get in a French home that's putting on a bit of show than with the creations of the catering trade. This is all for the good even if it does mean that a dish such as mackerel with raspberry sauce can slip on to the menu. This was a poorish idea, though the fish itself was good. The other starter was a ragout of artichoke hearts and root vegetables with a lemon and butter sauce. This was all right but gave no warning of the excellence of what was to follow.

First – the vegetables served with the main courses here put to shame those at many places two or three times the price. They included a couple of purées – flageolets and peas with potato – deep fried potato croquettes, mangetout peas, baby onions sweated in butter. They were all deliciously savoury and generously served. The same can be said of the main courses. One was described as "carbonnade en croute", i.e., the northern French and Belgian dish of beef braised with beer and here given a pastry crust just like a pie – but not any old pie. The other was a fondu of beef: raw meat, four trays full of paper thin slices, with a bowl of bouillon, a spirit burner and three sauces – aioli, rouille and mustardy mayonnaise.

Among the sweets are a classic tarte tatin and a solid but well flavoured chocolate cake with alcohol. This was a copious meal, and with a bottle of cheapish Chinon, a bottle of Badoit and two espresso coffees the bill including a £5 tip was £42 which is not unreasonable.

Rochford's is a few hundred yards away and is not that much more expensive. The look is numbingly familiar – pastel, swags, chintz, prints of plants and a conservatory, which in this instance is at the front of the house on to the pavement. The cooking is also of a familiar sort, the sort that goes with these restaurants – it tends to be at its best when at its most ostentatious; in the plainer dishes it tends to flounder. A cauliflower soup, for instance, was heavy, over reliant on potato and might have been made of anything. But the majority of the dishes are more elaborate constructions and the chef's heart is more in them, I guess. Lightly battered rabbit on a potato galette, smoked goose with home pickled aubergines and nut oil, sole with olive oil and steamed potatoes – these were all successful. Two dishes showed a slight oriental touch – duck done in two servings, with the breast fanned out and sauced and the leg chopped up with salad; and a mitten of veal with ginger-wine sauce which didn't compensate for the toughness of the meat.

A further good sauce, based on red peppers, accompanied a chicken breast stuffed with rather flavourless spinach. Vegetables here are OK. The sweets, as so often the case at places where the best preceding courses are the fancy ones, are tip top. I suppose this sort of culinary elaboration has its origins in patisserie and that its devotees remain ever true to the craft. Anyway, this is a good place for anyone with a sweet tooth who'll delight in the sumptuous vulgarity of meringues with sorbets and fresh fruit sauces and in the new wave bread and butter pudding. The truffles are also pretty mouthwatering. With two bottles of the Provencal Domaine de St Baillon, an aperitif each and coffee four of us paid £110. Thus two will pay just over £50.

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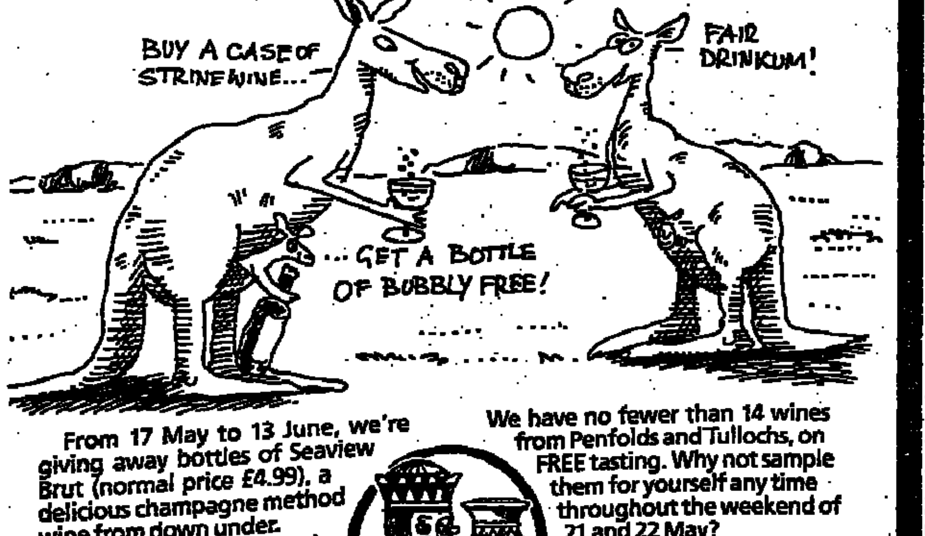

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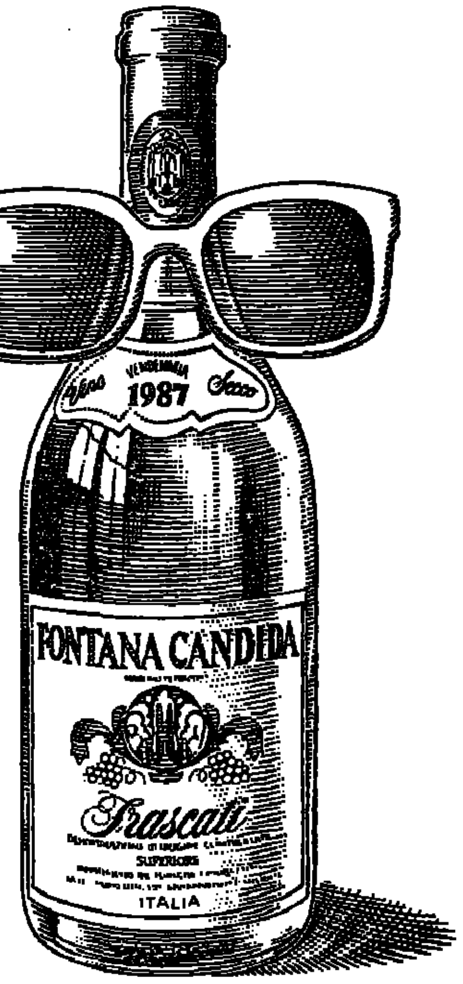

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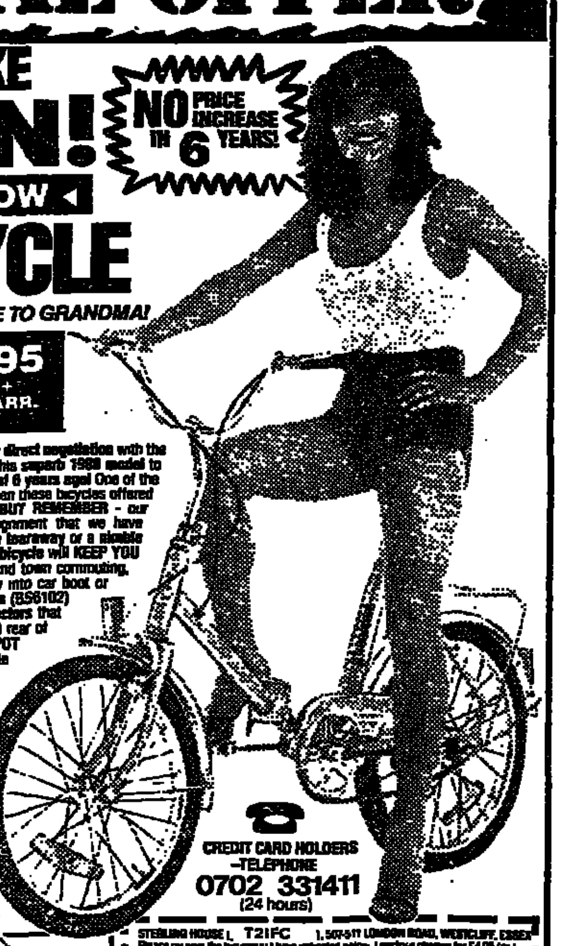

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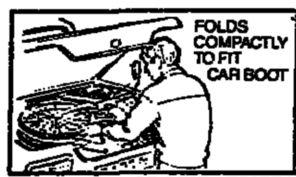

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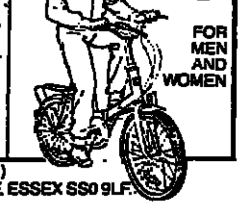

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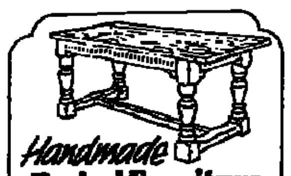

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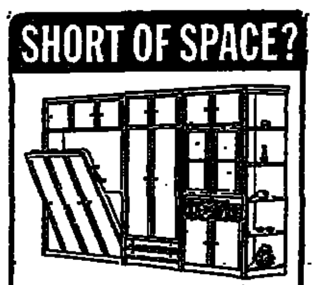

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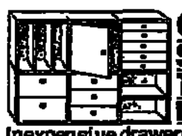

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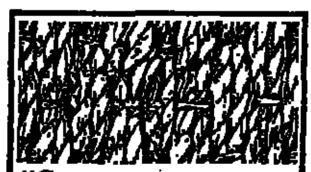

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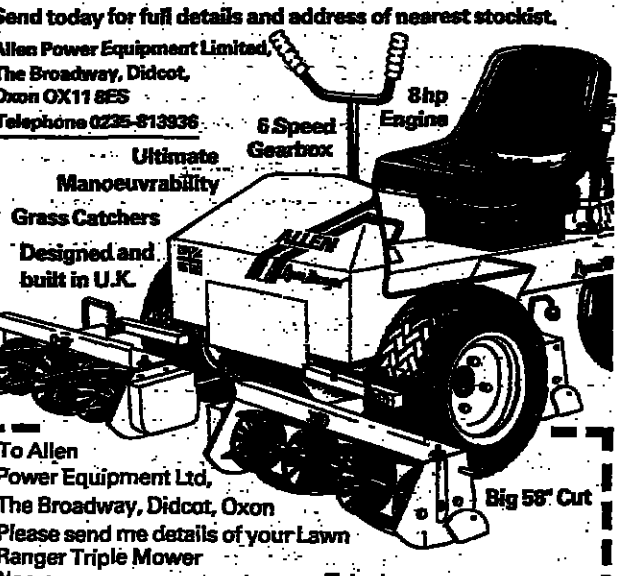

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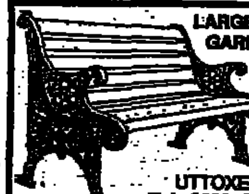

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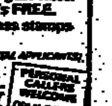

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GARDENING

75, and still blooming

Britain's leading flower show opens this week a victim of its own success, reports **Francesca Greenoak**

CLARE ROBERTS

Say you are going to Chelsea, and everyone knows what you mean. But the Royal Horticultural Society Flower Show was not always synonymous with this location.

Its forerunners were held at Chiswick, transferred to Kensington in 1861, and for 24 years were based at the Inner Temple before finding a home at the Royal Hospital grounds at Chelsea in 1913, where the principal annual show has been ever since.

Yet even after such a long association it looked as if the show might move again, for over the past 20 years the Chelsea Flower Show has suffered acutely from success. Increasingly large attendances made the show not only uncomfortably crowded, but potentially dangerous. Last year topped the record with nearly 250,000 people passing through the turnstiles, and only the extreme good nature of the Chelsea crowd made it at all an enjoyable experience.

The RHS commissioned a large feasibility study to report on the possibilities of alternative sites to expand, somewhere away from London, others on the outskirts. The society also considered a revised system for the Chelsea site.

This year, as a result of the study, the number of visitors is restricted, which will ensure that and the daily ceiling for numbers will be down by about 30 per cent on last year's crush. There should never be more than 40,000 visitors a day, which should make life a lot more congenial.

One of the principal drawbacks of the Chelsea Flower Show is that it is an entirely artificial showcase for plants, and that orders placed in a fit of festive enthusiasm come home to roost months later. Only then do you realize your thoroughly unsuitable choices will not complement anything in your own garden, nor survive unless you change the soil and raise the winter temperature by 10 degrees.

The desire to impulse-buy is overwhelming, but temper it by familiarizing yourself beforehand on the soil conditions, aspect and general climate of your garden. You might even take a note before visiting Chelsea of places where new plants might find a home.

It has became evident over 75 years that people have formed a fierce allegiance to Chelsea, and that other sites posed problems of access, car-parking and fencing.

Even in 1913, officials remarked on how convenient from Sloane Square Station the Royal Hospital grounds are. In addition, they are themselves most attractive, with fine old trees, and a network of paths, gardens, and grassy banks; what is more, the site is already enclosed, requiring a minimum of extra fencing.

Going against the trends of the commercial expansion of garden shows, the RHS bravely re-avowed the horticultural identity of Chelsea. Entertainment such as clog dancing and roller coasters are amply provided elsewhere; the May show is for plants and gardens, and equipment directly related to horticulture. The number of exhibitors is strictly limited, and only what the RHS considers supreme comes to Chelsea.

(As a spectator, I must confess to doubtful stamina for any increase in the number of exhibits.)

A look at the old list for the 1913 Chelsea Show gives an idea of how tenacious gardening families are, for you see many names still famous today, among them Notcutt, Hillier, Kelway and Sutton.

Many of the exhibits next week will pay homage in various ways to the landscape and achievements of 1913, but there are also, as usual, modern introductions on show. Nurserymen of all kinds will be on hand to give advice, and true to its educational principles, the RHS Wisley Gardens has its own large advisory bureau in the great marquee.

- Tickets are still available for members' day, Wednesday May 25, at £8. Public days Thursday 26 (8am-8pm £14; 4pm-8pm £9); Friday 27 (8am-5pm £14). Tickets and catalogues available in advance form the RHS, 80 Vincent Square, London SW1 (Open 9.30-5.30 weekdays; recorded information on 01-834 4333 or 01-828 1744). Surplus tickets may be on sale at the gates during show days but precedence will be given to ticket holders so people queuing may be disappointed.
- *The Times* on Monday will feature a four-page supplement with colour, devoted to the Chelsea Flower Show.

NEWSLINES

- **Kew — The British Garden:** An exhibition of paintings which take their inspiration from the Royal Botanic Gardens. Some pictures derive from the October storm and part of the proceeds from the show will go to the Kew Hurricane Fund. Simultaneous exhibitons, until May 31, at the Orangery in Kew Gardens, the CCA Gallery (8 Dover Street, London W1, 01-499 6701) as well as at CCA, Farnham, Bath and Oxford, and at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge.
- **Flower Paintings:** Watercolours of extraordinary clarity by Paul Gell at the Albermarle Gallery (18 Albermarle St, W1) until June 10, 01-491 1153.
- **The Other Flower Show:** Paintings by Karen Armitage, David Lewis, Mary Martin and Henrietta Young, at the Oliver Swann Galleries (170 Walton St, London SW3) from May 25 to June 4, 01-584 8684.
- **Chelsea Show Week Lectures:** From the English Gardening School at the Chelsea Physic Garden (66 Royal Hospital Road) give you a chance to listen to specialist talks on clematis, the Victorian walled garden, scent and the paradise garden. Tickets £8, May 24-25 (01-352 4347).

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Put outside hanging baskets, planted up a few weeks ago, but return them indoors for the first few nights or if the weather turns cold.**
- **Check pond plants, removing dead material and dividing up large specimens.**
- **Sow hollyhocks in their flowering positions, sow hardy perennials in seedbeds.**
- **Protect your future strawberries with straw or matting and get nets ready to put over the ripening fruits.**
- **Divide primula plants as they finish flowering, to increase and refresh stock.**

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Round 18

Final round of the competition that tests your wits and wisdom

● Today marks the last round of Ingenuity, a general knowledge competition that has been played over 18 days with 10 questions a day. The authors of the first six correct entries to be opened will each receive a set of the 1988 Encylopaedia Britannica, in a blue fibred-leather Constitution binding, worth £2,280.

● Entrants should fill in the details below today's questions and send all 18 coupons, clipped together, to INGENUITY, 16 Whitefriars Street, London EC88 2NG. Entries must arrive by last post on Wednesday June 1. The answers, and the winners' names, will be announced in *The Times* during the week beginning June 6. The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

● You may have to use reference books to ferret out some of the answers. The answer to each question is a single word or name — but the number of letters in the answers does NOT correspond with the number of boxes — except for the longest of them.

1. The Arabian who formed a triumvirate with the Turk and the Barb.
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2. Must be added to warm porter, moist sugar and nutmeg to make dog's nose, according to Dickens.
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3. Best-known portable apparatus used to find the amount of CO_2, Oxygen and CO in flue and exhaust gases.
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4. According to Frere, what a Tory is, who is ashamed of himself.
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5. Roman orator whose bedclothes were pulled off by ravens, according to a legend quoted by Macaulay
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6. Forger who damaged Parnell and O'Donnell and cost *The Times* £250,000 in 1887.
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7. Town in Spain where The Mad and The Handsome have a tomb carved by Ordonez.
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8. Painter who said he mixed his colours with brains, according to Smiles.
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9. Seaport that goes with turpentine and treacle.
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10. Daisies you would put on your plates.
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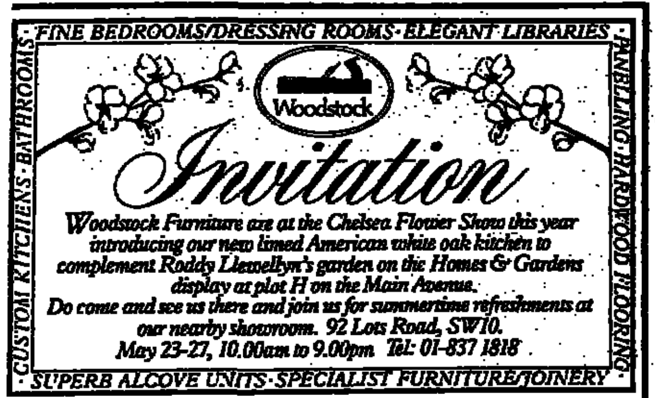
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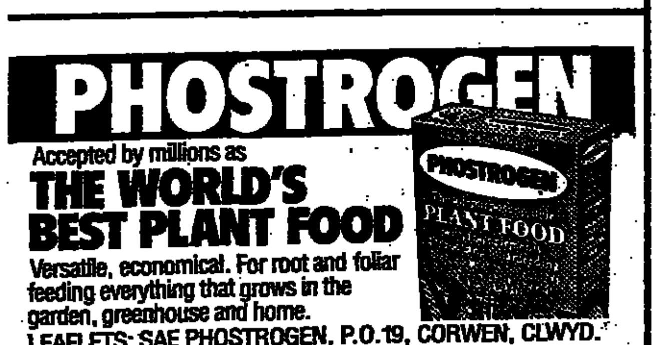
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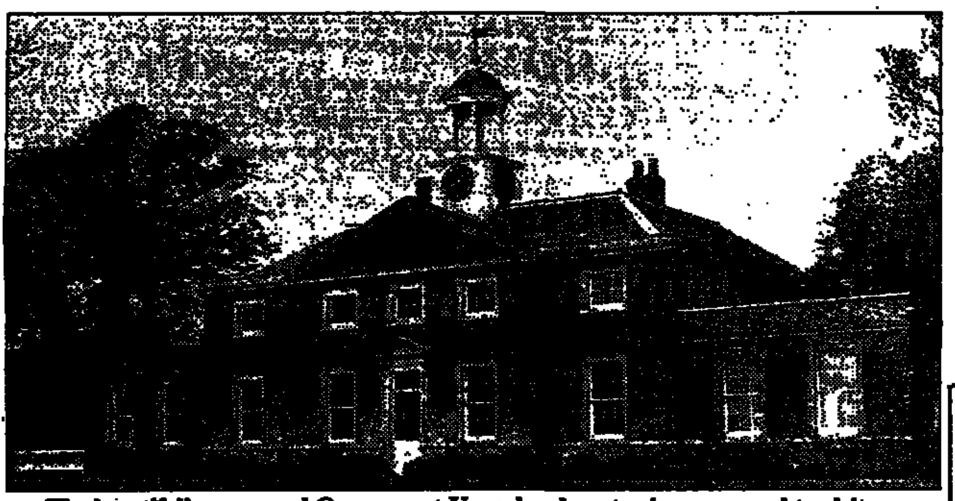
The beautifully preserved Orangery at Uppark, where tea is now served to visitors

As Sir Harry left it

Sir Harry Fetherstonehaugh, inheritor of a huge fortune, 'impetuous and extravagant friend of the Prince Regent, had a string of racehorses, a great French chef (Moget) and, for a year, the very young Emma Hart, later to be Nelson's Lady Hamilton.

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Nigel Andrew

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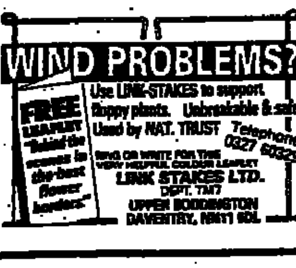
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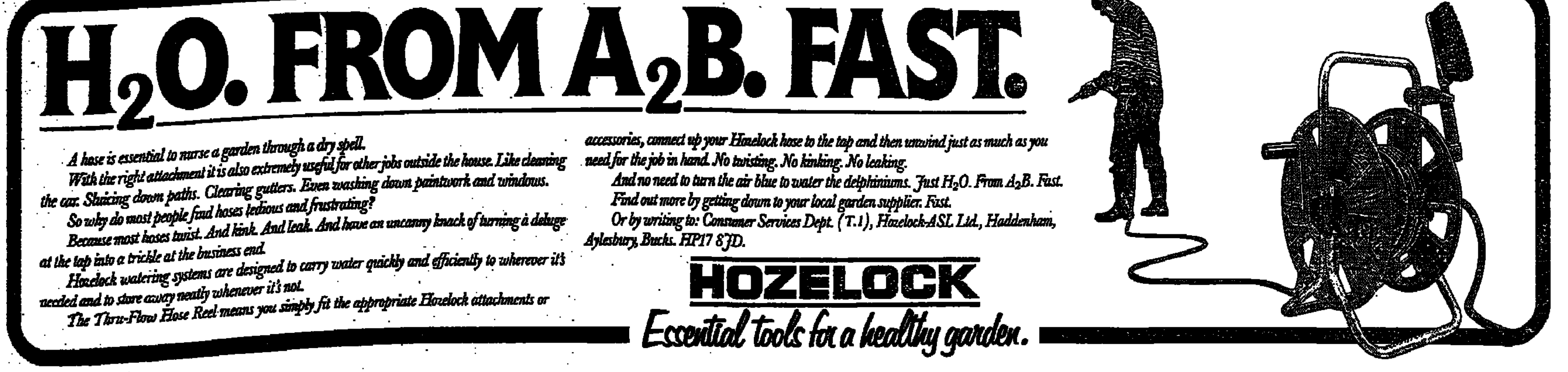
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Chill in the art air

Great artists should not need to talk, but our age obsessively asks that art should be explained, and that the personalities who make it should reveal themselves. And eventually most of the artists give in. But Lucian Freud, the subject of last night's *Omnibus* (BBC1), gave in only to a very limited extent. As the camera played around his recent Hayward Gallery exhibition, Freud talked, but one quickly sensed that he was not going to give much away. The conversation was described as

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"informal": a quiet chat with the producer of the programme, and not a sustained discussion with a critic or art expert.

The impression that came across was a puzzling one: a man whose pictures look at the human form with an unflinching gaze, without a trace of sentimentality, being rather banal and sentimental about the process of creating those pictures. His main concern in painting nudes was to keep the subjects warm. His early paintings have perhaps changed because "their minds have been broadened by travel".

Freud came across as an unassertive man: his only assertiveness was in his silence. But we never began to scratch the surface of the bitterness which overlays his pictures. Like most artists, Freud declared himself fairly immune from praise or abuse but did hope that people would see his work: "I hope they'll be affected in some way."

Was the programme worth doing? By his very uncommunicativeness Freud told us something about the relationship he perceives between the artist and his public, and what failed most notably to come across was warmth: the chill that settles over many of his pictures also settled over this film.

Secret Services (BBC2) went behind the counter of a DHSS office in Bristol to see the full bureaucratic chaos of the Supplementary Benefit system in action. While claimants swore and complained, the staff, who did not emerge as monsters, had the unenviable task of trying to work out what had happened to cheques in the post. A sort of resigned depression hung over the whole exercise: Lucian Freud would probably have found some good models there.

William Holmes

John Russell Taylor reviews exhibitions of recent and early work by three very diverse contemporary British sculptors

The fourth dimension

GALLERIES

Michael Sandle
Whitechapel Art Gallery

Paolozzi Portraits
National Portrait Gallery

Malcolm Poynter
Discreetly Bizzare

The mid-career retrospective is quite a trial for artists and commentators alike. At the age of 50 or thereabouts, the artist has, presumably, many good years ahead of him and every likelihood of developing further, developing, perhaps, into something completely different. He should not regard such an occasion as the moment which fixes him for ever, like making a face when the wind changes.

On the other hand, the commentator, while bewaring of too definitive categorization, can at least have the comforting awareness that his judgments are reasonably based on up to 30 years' work. If he likes the work he knows that it is not just a flash in the pan. If he does not by this time it is very likely he never will.

Michael Sandle, 52 tomorrow, is the latest British artist to cross this particular Rubicon, in a major showing at the Whitechapel Art Gallery (until June 26) which occupies both the main galleries, upper and lower. We think of him these days as a sculptor: even the striking large drawings and watercolours are practically all very evidently the work of a sculptor, relating directly or allusively to the main sculptural work in hand. (A series of drawings inspired by newspaper pictures of the eruption of Mount St Helens in 1981 seems to be the only recent exception to this rule.)

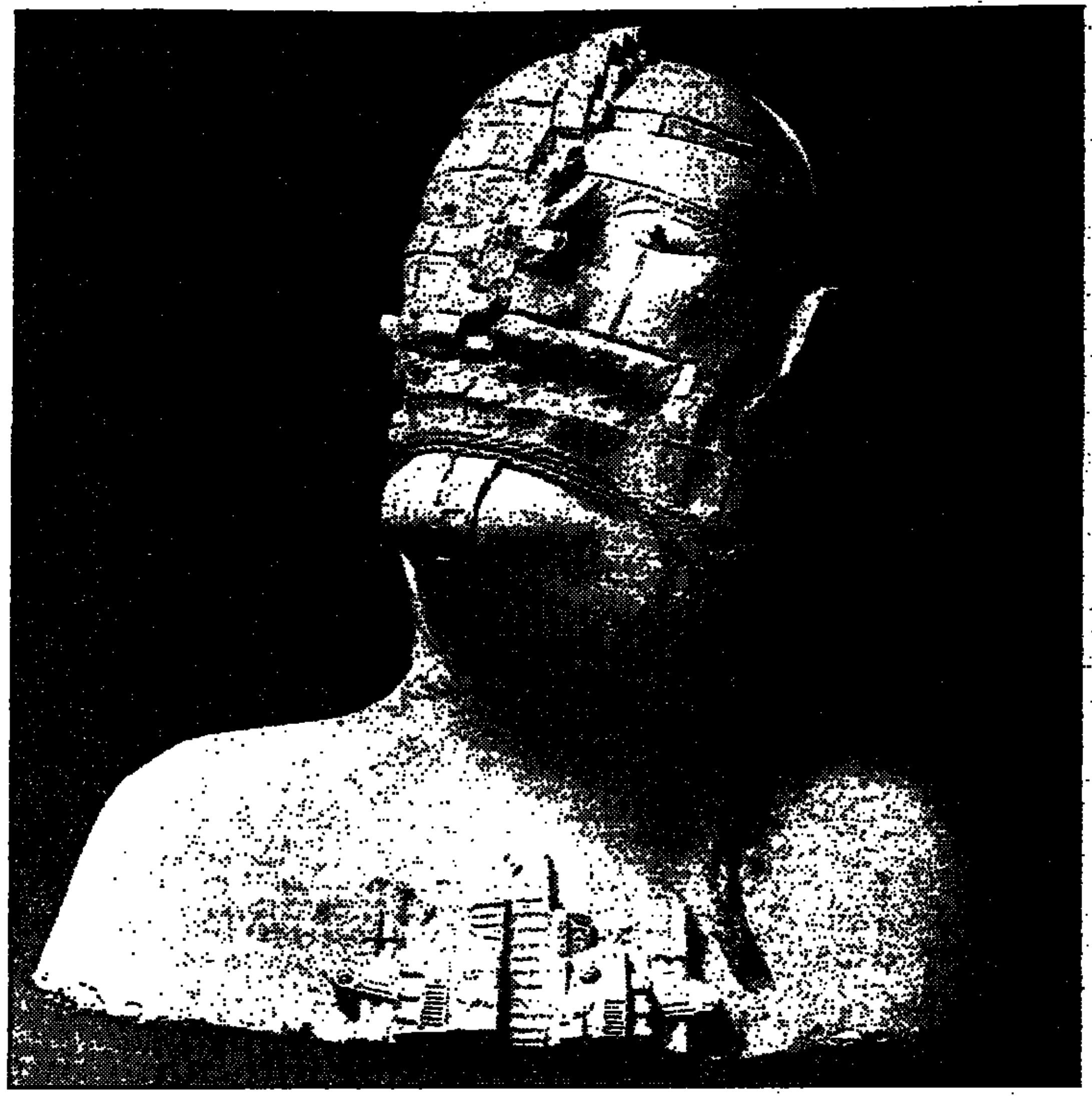
But one of the things this show reveals to us is his long-forgotten début as a painter. In the late Fifties he was painting heavily encrusted representational works (some apparent influence of Auerbach), and then rather beautiful abstracts, a little St Ives-ish. But his evolution into a sculptor is always clear: the abstracts become assemblages of metal and plastic and leather, then these become recognizably wall-sculptures, and very soon Sandle embarked on his big early sculptures in (mostly) black fibreglass.

Even in the most innocent works, such as "Monumentum pro Gesualdo", a collection of shapes recalling a tuba, a snail and (can it be?) a honeypot, there is already something monstrous. And by the time we get to the work which, more than any other, made him widely known, the "Twentieth Century Memorial" (a skeletal Mickey Mouse manning a machine-gun), there is no doubting a strong element of wilful nastiness in the concept.

It is at that point that the preoccupations, one might almost say obsessions, of his mature years really come to the fore. In the 10 years since "A Twentieth Century Memorial" was completed, virtually all Sandle's works have referred to war and death. (Oddly, his works towards an Orwell memorial, among his most effective and decidedly less bloodthirsty than most, are not included.)

This predominant interest brings us up against what may be a real problem: what is his attitude towards the subject-matter of his work? An obvious assumption to make about artists who cannot tear themselves away from nuclear war, the Holocaust and kindred horrors, is that they are tortured liberals spilling out their worst nightmares. Quite possibly this is so with Sandle. But it would be extremely difficult to divine from internal evidence only whether he supported the Green Party or the National Front.

He could not be more fascinated by the designing of tombs and monuments — a little fruitful influence here from Sir Alfred Gilbert, by the way — if he were German in the era of Breker and Thorak. He clearly delights in the accoutrements of war, and is artistically fascinated by the shape of warheads, bomber planes and the like. It sometimes seems as though he has deliberately set out to substantiate and exemplify all the most paranoid feminist fantasies about the nature of the male.


Bound object: "Kardinal Syn" by Eduardo Paolozzi, on show at the National Portrait Gallery

Whether you think that matters, of course, depends on your assumptions about the political responsibility or otherwise of the artist. If you believe that really the medium is the message, you will most likely delight in the complex responses Sandle's work requires. He escapes, deliberately or not, all obvious political definition. And there is no doubt about the emotional charge his cenotaphs and helmeted warriors (now, in "Woman for Heidelberg", female as well as male) carry.

Attraction and repulsion are here closely allied, in the spectator as well as, quite probably, the artist. Nor can there be much doubt that as a sculptor, a creator of three-dimensional shapes, he is as powerfully gifted as any working in Britain today. Not that he does that much: for the last 15 years he has lived in Germany, a further item of ambiguous import in relation to his work. But then, what is another ambiguity among so many?

Another British sculptor who lives and works quite a bit in Germany is **Eduardo Paolozzi**, who has just been given a show devoted to his portraits by the National Portrait Gallery (until August 7). We have not up to now associated him particularly with portraiture, but this show reminds us that it has been a part of his work for a very long time. The culminating works here are a work-in-progress concerned with Richard Rogers, who is depicted in drawings, heads, busts and, embryonically, as Blake's idea of Newton; and the full-length self-portrait which now decorates 34-36 High Holborn.

How Paolozzi arrived at the curious and highly personal form of segmentation which has been his particular contribution to the sculpted portrait, the show enables us to trace from his early, whimsical collages of newspaper and magazine pictures, a notion he has taken up with more skill and invention in the last two years. Then there are the rather fetishistic-looking heads of anonymous figures bound and gagged, and finally the more straightforward but still instantly recognizable portraits of today. Recognizable, that is, both as the people they are meant to depict and as works of their author. It is a combination rare enough to merit comment and praise.

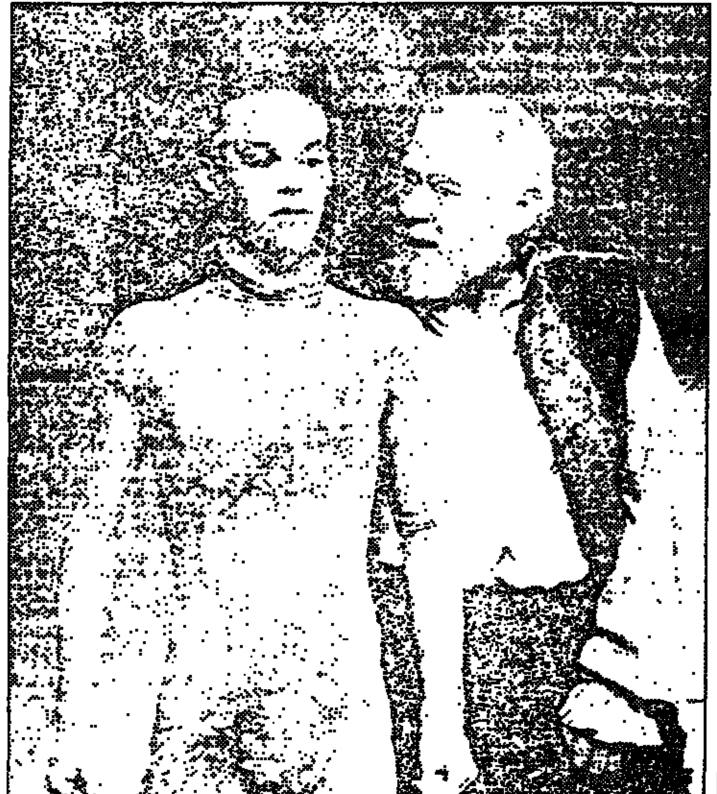
Malcolm Poynter *is a sculptor* of a slightly younger generation (Paolozzi is in his early sixties, Sandle in his early fifties, Poynter in his early forties) who somehow never seems to have made quite the splash he deserves. His earlier work consisted mostly of body-moulded figures (often moulded, apparently, from his own body) which were then curiously coloured and arranged in tableaux, usually of fairly torturous scenes.

Poynter has also been involved with Performance Art, the performances he has devised bordering as a rule on sado-masochistic ritual. Fortunately for those who persist in believing that this kind of mould-based sculpture is in some way cheating, more recently he has moved away from it into strange surrealistic, anthropomorphic figures.

Two lifesize examples are in his new show at a newish gallery rejoicing in the misleadingly cute name Discreetly Bizzare, (sic), at 166 New Cavendish Street, until the end of June. One of them, called "Ecology Series No 4", is of a man made out of fish, with a handful of lizards thrown in. The other, "The 4th Horseman of the Apocalypse", looks as if it has just stepped out of the Archimboldo show at the Palazzo Grassi last year, since it is constructed entirely out of vegetables.

The great thing about Poynter all through has been his complete independence, his refusal to do anything just because everyone else was doing it. This may have cost him something in fame and repute. But artistically it has done him nothing but good.

DONALD COOPER


Ariel (Steven Mackintosh) heeds Michael Bryant's Prospero

Magician's thrilling fury

THEATRE

The Tempest
Cottesloe

Peter Hall and his company have something fresh to say about this work, and they go straight for the target in a high-energy performance running to just over two hours with no interval. The work emerges as a Faustian revenge drama denuded of elegiac poetry and consoling reconciliations.

The meaning is summed up in the figure of Michael Bryant's Prospero: no longer a seraphic mage and unpolitical bookworm, but an impious magician devoured with hatred for the usurpers who have at last fallen into his power.

Peremptory, urgent, and subject to fits of blind fury, Mr Bryant controls the events with a matter-of-fact vigour, regularly exploding when anything dares to stand in his way. The very name of Antonio (in his opening exposition to Miranda) chokes him with hatred; and his first real moment of repose comes when he stands majestically above his cell surveying his humiliated enemies.

Conscience then strikes: and the great renunciation speech changes from a farewell to art into a confession of blasphemy. There is no luxuriating in the great verse paragraphs. "Graves at my command have wak'd their sleepers", he whispers, as though expecting a thunderbolt to fall on him.

The drawback in this scene is that it compels him to equate the audience's applause with heavenly forgiveness. Otherwise it is thrilling to witness this tortured human emerging from the anonymous shadow of stage tradition.

The other elements of the play mainly fall into proportion around this central element. Jennifer Hall's Miranda, spitting derision at Caliban, is very much Prospero's daughter. Tony Haygarth's blood-caked Caliban, articulating with sensuous delicacy through a mouthful of Dracula teeth, is very much his undeserving victim.

John Bluthal's Stephano, an unsmiling buffoon with strong echoes of Arthur Lowe, plays out Prospero's power game at vaudeville level. Less convincing are Tim Pigott-Smith's Trinculo, who offers grimaces and clown shoes instead of a character; and Steven Mackintosh's Ariel, who makes cautious slow-motion descents on the flying harness, and otherwise comes down to earth with unseemly bursts of petulance.

In the masque episodes, Hall and his composer Harrison Birtwistle are superbly on home ground.

Irving Wardle

Storm of plot and passion

OPERA

Katya Kabanova
Glyndebourne

Whatever the devastations of last October's storm, the Glyndebourne gardens, precociously in high summer, are not really any preparation for Janáček's tempestuous domestic tragedy.

No matter: the space for *Katya Kabanova* is immediately created by Tobias Hoheisel's designs, which modulate the scream of early expressionism through areas of flat colour and glowing illumination (the lighting is by Wolfgang Göbbel). The Volga-bank landscape is steeply ranked and corn-yellow, in vivid contrast to the river, a purple silken band in the last act; the Kabanov house is a couple of walls papered in violent magenta. The visual temperature is fiercely raised, but then kept in a sort of red-hot coolness by the fact that the nature of the decor is so evidently symbolic.

This is in perfect keeping with Janáček's score, and with the way it is conducted by Andrew Davis, with a fullness of passion in the reiterated gestures, so that one cannot tell whether the passion is driving the musical repetition or the repetition creating the passion: there is, in any event, at once a fixity and a ferocious intensity,

Round-eyed with fear: Nancy Gustafson excels as Katya

and the playing of the London Philharmonic is outstanding throughout.

So also is the singing of a quite exceptional cast. Nancy Gustafson, making her British debut, is an effectively young Katya, perhaps still in her teens: she is eager, impulsive, uncertain, moving quickly, staring out round-eyed in fear and expectation of judgement, and singing all the time with a terrifying nakedness and immediacy of expression, yet with radiant tone.

Her big solo scene in the last act is a masterpiece of impassioned singing which is all the time fresh, full and melodic, even when the voice is on the edge of tears or a whisper. In this scene, too, she has moments of decisive hardness which bring out in chilling clarity her closeness to her mother-in-law, who, as Felicity Palmer makes clear, is a woman of the same sensuality corrupted, the same vocal glow turned into a self-protective glaze: stiff, sharp-faced and hatted, she is a figure of appalling authority, and her command over the shuffling, well-meaning Tichon of Ryland Davies is absolute.

Equally plausible is her very different mastery of Donald Adams's most skilfully drawn Dikoj, though the scene between these two is overplayed: this is one instance where Nikolaus Lehnhoff's production tries too hard, as it does occasionally in an excess of rushing about. The device of switching on the stars for the two Katya-Boris scenes also fails to work, though many of the images have a potent force, not least the final tableau, with the orchestra rising in almost vocal protest at a stage bare except for Katya's body.

Barry McCauley is properly torn between lyrical abandon and anxious self-questioning as Boris, and the problem-free subsidiary couple are finely sung by a warm Louise Winter and a light, agile, delightfully free-toned John Graham-Hall.

Paul Griffiths

Wanted: vigour and vulgarity

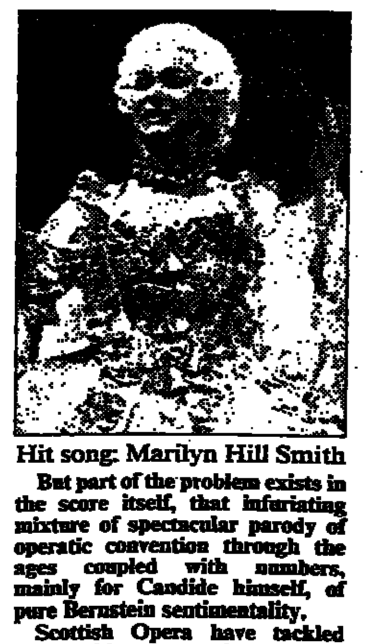
Candide
Theatre Royal, Glasgow

In its 30 or so years of life Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* has proved an elusive butterfly to net, let alone pin down. Every revival leads to some tinkering with the book, the lyrics, and the selection of the numbers to be in and to be out. Anyone who wants a taste of the original cast, which sounds distinctly good, should seize the CBS recording which has just been reprocessed for CD (MK38732). That disc, of course, was not lumbered with Lillian Hellman's book, which is now generally discredited with being more concerned with attacking Joe McCarthy then turning Voltaire into a musical.

In Scottish Opera's new *Candide* Hellman gets no more than a down-page credit. But as usual a great many cooks have been brought in to stir the production. The best and most qualified of these is SO's music director, John Mauceri, Bernstein pupil and expert. Back in the early Seventies he conducted stripped down, open-plan *Candide* which swiftly moved on to Broadway under Hal Prince's direction. It was raucous and rough, with the performers stumbling through the audience while Mauceri via headphones kept extraordinary control of a tiny orchestra spread around the theatre. It had all the vigour and, yes, the vulgarity that Scotland's *Candide* lacks.

Tyrone Guthrie, who staged the first *Candide*, wrote some time after the event that his direction "skipped along with the effortless grace of a freight train heavy-laden on a steep gradient". Those words are too unkind to apply to the staging jointly credited to Jonathan Miller and John Wells, but it runs full steam ahead only intermittently. The designs — toy buildings and giant puppets as Candide and Cunégonde go round the world in 24 songs — are admirable, and the costumes, from Richard Hudson, even better. The movement on stage directed by Anthony Van Laast is equally excellent. But the jokes are either missing or unpointed.

Too often it seems that a Panglossian view of affairs has been taken and that all will get a laugh on the night. Well, the good Dr Pangloss went through a great deal of tribulation, and in production terms this *Candide* needs much tightening and enlivening.


Hit song: Marilyn Hill Smith

But part of the problem exists in the score itself, that infuriating mixture of spectacular parody of operatic convention through the ages coupled with numbers, mainly for Candide himself, of pure Bernstein sentimentality.

Scottish Opera have tackled that problem by casting the title role with a romantic tenor rather than an innocent. Mark Beudert sings sweetly as Candide, although he tired towards the end, in the manner of a Lehar gallant — a long way from Voltaire. Marilyn Hill Smith made a hit with the score's one sure-fire number, "Glitter And Be Gay", which parodies half-a-dozen composers in as many minutes; but she was an over-knowing Cunégonde.

Nickolas Grace, doubling up as Voltaire, Pangloss and a couple of others, was strong on character and short on voice. Bonaventura Bottone, also taking on a plenitude of roles, had plenty of tenor, but needed more direction. Ann Howard could have given more attack to the lyric Bernstein is reputed to have written himself, "I Am Easily Assimilated". But there were notable performances from two veterans of farce, Leon Green and Howard Goorney.

John Mauceri kept too careful a rein on his orchestra when it was accompanying. By far the best jokes in *Candide* are musical ones and they need to be heard. At the moment this is not the best of all possible *Candides*. But there is hope, as Dr Pangloss would say, and the best hope is to pull out the scissors and cut away a few of the inhibitions.

John Higgins

● *Candide can be seen next month in Newcastle, Liverpool and Edinburgh. It comes to The Old Vic on December 6 for six weeks.*

Brief majesty

CONCERT

LSO/Chung
Barbican Hall

Yet again, the old story has to be told of a conductor relatively unfamiliar to an orchestra being shipped in and giving performances whose shoddiness suggests strongly that the rehearsal time allocated to him had been wholly inadequate.

Sometimes in Mahler's First Symphony, Myung-Whun Chung's undoubted enthusiasm raised the London Symphony Orchestra to brief moments of impassioned playing, usually in the loud and majestic music; and sometimes individuals like Bruce Mollison, the principal double bassist (at the beginning of the slow movement), or Anthony Camden, the principal oboeist (whenever he played a prominent part), reminded us that this is an orchestra of real musicians. But it is simply unrealistic to expect them to put together a performance of a work as difficult as this at the drop of a hat.

Indeed, quite often it was as much as they could do to play in time with each other. Staggered entries were commonplace, and at one point in the finale members of the same section differed in their views of the pacing of a motif they were supposed to play together.

At least, though, the brass section sounded conspicuously less raucous than they did last Sunday. It would be less than generous to put that down to Mahler's scoring alone.

Chung's sisters, the violinist Kyung-Wha Chung and the cellist Myung-Wha Chung, earlier joined him for a performance of Beethoven's Triple Concerto (the second this week in London) which he directed, probably unwisely, from the keyboard.

It was, frankly, a disappointing reading. Rhythms were often slack, tempos casual (or cautious?), mannerisms misplaced and, worst of all, humour missing from the notes as well as the soloists' expressions. The intention was, I suppose, to stress the work's lyrical side, but the result was limp and colourless, a joyless example of thoroughly professional music-making.

Stephen Pettitt

● The Scottish Ballet returns to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, next week (May 24 to 28) with John Cranko's *Romeo and Juliet* danced to Prokofiev's score. And the Australian Ballet returns to London in July after a 12-year absence as the main performing arts event in the bicentennial "Australia to the World" programme. The company is at the Royal Opera House from July 26 to August 6.

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REVIEW

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Aleta Day, by Francis Marion Beynon (Virago, £4.50) Canadian classic about radical journalist and suffragette.

King Queen Knave, by Vladimir Nabokov (Oxford, £3.95) King is boisterous owner of Berlin clothing shop, queen is his cold wife, knave is nephew who repays uncle's condescension in aunt's bed: "Of all my novels this bright brute is the gayest."

Roman Tales, by Alberto Moravia, selected and translated by Angus Davidson (Oxford, £3.95) 27 vivid windows into Roman low-life: the secret lives, broken dreams, unrequited loves.

The People in the Picture, by Haydn Middleton (Black Swan, £3.95) Mixture of myth and reality, obsession and mystery.

Why Are We in Vietnam, by Norman Mailer (Oxford, £3.95) Hip 18-year-old DJ and self-proclaimed genius on safari and ultimate initiation rite in Alaska after grizzly symbol.

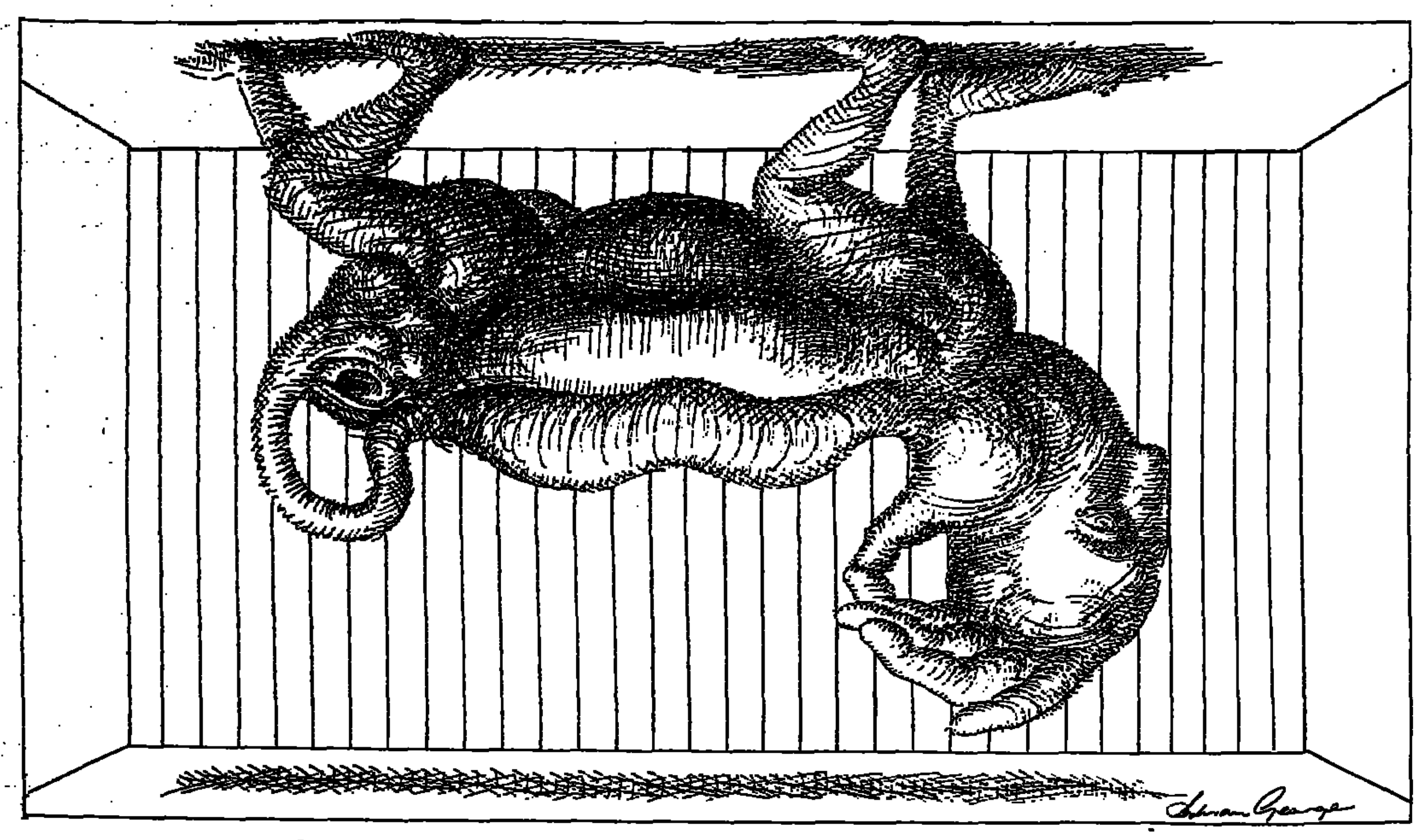
NON-FICTION

Little Wilson and Big God, by Anthony Burgess (Penguin, £5.95) Gripping, clever first vol. of the birth of a first-division novelist, growing up poor boy in Manchester, struggles between Catholicism and sex, the war, escape into writing.

Philip II, by Geoffrey Parker (Cardinal, £4.99) Historical biography of the most powerful man of his age; married to the English queen, Philip came closer to taking England by force than Napoleon or Hitler, until he came unstuck five centuries ago.

The Dinosaur Heresy, by Robert Bakker (Penguin, £7.95) Rehabilitation of the vast pachyderms: no lumbering pin-heads they, but one of evolution's great, warm-blooded successes

The Oxford Book of Sea Songs, chosen and edited by Roy Palmer (Oxford, £4.95) Shanties and ballads from four centuries while Britannia ruled the waves, and you could hear her coming out of tune for miles and miles across the sea.



Life's voyage in an incredible hulk

Close Quarters, by William Golding (Faber, £3.95)

In this sequel to *Rites of Passage* Golding describes exactly what it was like to go on a long voyage in a clapped-out English warship 200 years ago. On one level it may be an allegory about the vast oceans of life, the uncertainty of Everyman's destination, and the hazards both natural and man-made that beset each voyager.

The group of professional seamen and passengers crowded together on the rotting ship provide a microcosm of society with all its artificial barriers and foibles set to define the social hierarchy. Golding is precise about social prejudices. His narrator is a well-connected but inexperienced young man who thinks he knows about the mechanics of class distinction and therefore gets them all wrong, exposing himself to all sorts of offence and ridicule. The interesting thing about the novel, however, is not the story of its allegorical significance, but Golding's enthusiastic study of what it actually felt like to be on that sort of ship at that time. He knows exactly how the guns were fired and the great sails set, how water was heated for the making of coffee or weed scraped off the bottom of the boat.

Above all, he is fascinated by the language people might have used at this particular time, and by the subtle constraints on relationships or skills the choice of vocabulary imposes. Various levels of comedy and tragedy combine to build up a complete picture of panic as the different parts of the deck begin to move eerily in different directions and the ship is about to split.

Anne Barnes

A Zinoviev letter from the Russian madhouse

The Madhouse, by Alexander Zinoviev (Paladin/Grafton)

PAPERBACK

We refer to certain human types as "Dickensian". We speak of "Dostoyevskian" situations. When we describe a bureaucracy, even at its most benign, we are tempted to call it "Kafkaesque". And we murmur that the Emperor has no clothes with the spontaneity of a child.

Alas, this does not mean that we have the Victorian portraitist's eye or the Russian's sense of the absurd; that we perceive the world, or the people around us, with the sensitivity of genius that transforms life into comic and tragic fables. We merely adapt these writers' spiritual revelations to the banal certitudes of our own time, so that today's Philistine speaks the language of yesterday's "traveller in the soul of man", in Andrei Platonov's phrase.

The central metaphor of Mr Zinoviev's novel, as its title suggests, is the "madhouse" that is life in Russia today. The hero, a junior research fellow . . . "or JRF for short", struggles with existence at a bureaucratic Institute, where everything that happens to him is fantastic, implausible, and absurd. What better way to describe the Russia of Brezhnev?

Or any other place in history, be it France under Napoleon III, Bavaria under Maximilian II, Rome under Caesar Augustus, or Egypt under the Amenhoteps. Certainly Gogol thought as much of Russia under Nicholas I. Yet today, as then, more is expected of a writer than an anguished "this is a madhouse!" or "the Emperor has no clothes!" Any one of us is likely to shout something similar in the wake of a frustrating encounter with the gas board. Regrettably, *The Madhouse* is just such a shout, albeit (in the Russian tradition, one might say) some 500 pages long, and even longer in its original version.

As seen through the persona of his hero, the author of *The Madhouse* is an irritable, quarrelsome, rather humorless man, the kind that suffers most when subjected to the ordeals of public, or perhaps even personal, conflict, whether in Brezhnev's Russia or the Amenhoteps' Egypt. His observations, even when they are funny — which is not often, despite the novel's "comic" intent — have a jaundiced quality about them. Such atrabiliations are the revenge of an enraged Philistine on an institution or a society which, to his mind, has singled him out for humiliation.

In truth, Soviet society, which Zinoviev mocks in his book, is no less, and perhaps more, rational than the world inhabited by his readers. By discounting everything save for its irrational, absurd dimension, the author trivializes his subject, reducing the tragedy of existence under totalitarianism to a communal-flat squabble. This is what makes *The Madhouse* so unconvincing and, in the end, foolish.

When a writer approaches life as a mystery, his perceptions may later acquire a formulaic meaning and even bear his name. When a writer begins with the formulaic, he will never be anything more than a Philistine with a grudge. This is why Mr Zinoviev's sardonic laughter is not contagious.

Andrei Navrozov

This could be a serious mistake

ROCK RECORDS

Head: Tales of Ordinary Madness (Virgin V2527)
Fairground Attraction: The First of a Million Kisses (RCA PD71696)
Bobby King & Terry Evans: Live and Let Live (Special Delivery SPCD 1016)

Head's rambunctious debut, *A Snog on the Rocks*, was one of last year's most rewarding finds. But with a major label budget at their disposal to record the follow-up, Tales of Ordinary Madness, the group and its producer Howard Grey (Terence Trent D'Arby, Van Morrison) have only narrowly avoided hanging themselves with the yards of extra rope on hand.

Many of the tracks are swamped by over-ambitious brass and keyboard arrangements and there are too many ornately embellished, langorously-paced songs. The worrying suspicion remains that the group has begun to take itself seriously.

Fairground Attraction is a modern skiffle quartet whose album **The First of a Million Kisses** boasts slightly more depth than the rather twee chart-topping single "Perfect" would suggest. There is a quiet, pastoral feel to the entirely acoustic instrumentation which is enlivened by occasional light touches of shopping mall jazz.

Bobby King and Terry Evans are the gospel-trained backing singers in Ry Cooder's band. Their album **Live and Let Live** is both produced by Cooder and shaded by his distinctive slide guitar playing. Thus the duo's hollering, "deep soul" treatment of material ranging from country blues to traditional ballads is graven very much in the master's image.

David Sinclair

King in his country

JAZZ RECORDS

Peter King Hi Fly (Spotlite SPJ 527)
Alan Barnes Affiliation (Miles Music MM 002)

Twenty eight years after he was voted New Star by the readers of the *Melody Maker*, the English alto saxophonist Peter King is probably resigned to the fact that, in his case, "stardom" can be defined as the unstinted admiration of his peers and the respect of that section of the British jazz audience which can still tell the difference between Charlie Parker and Courtney Pine.

Operating within the narrow spectrum which Parker defined for the alto, King is one of the few still capable of bringing a stylized approach back to life. Sheer dedication has something to do with it; the passion in his playing is unmistakeable. But to praise his playing for passion alone would be to insult the quality of his imagination.

King: passion and imagination

There is certainly something more than a Parker imitator at work in his long and exciting solo on "Blues for SJ", which opens *Hi Fly*. The patrons of Le Plateau des Quatre Vents in the Breton town of Lorient four years ago clearly enjoyed following its busy contours, which reach a climax in a very un-Parkerish sequence of high harmonics. Accompanied on this 1984 session by the trio of a French drummer, Philippe Briand, King does himself justice on one of his rare recording.

He will shortly be heard again in a forthcoming release on the Miles Music label, run by the former grand prix driver John Miles. This enterprising concern, which attempts to emulate the musical and technical standards of the classic Blue Note sessions of the early Sixties, has recently issued *Affiliation*, a quartet album by a younger British Parker disciple, Alan Barnes, formerly with the Tommy Chase Quartet.

The alto saxophone is Barnes's main horn, but he is also heard here on tenor and clarinet, supported by the pianist Dave Newton, the bassist Paul Morgan and the drummer Mark Taylor. Although still some way from establishing a real character of his own, Barnes is such a persuasively fluent improviser that it seems slightly tasteless to raise the question of originality.

Richard Williams

A laser beam put into fine focus

CLASSICAL RECORD

Tchaikovsky: Arias. Dimitrova/Hungarian State Orchestra/Peskó. CBS CD MK 42174.

Ghena Dimitrova is not everyone's idea of a diva. The ear immediately arrested by the voice's laser-beam attack, has to become accustomed to a lack of nuance in timbre in the sense that we in the West recognize and expect it. Even in terms of the Russian voice, her soprano can lack the sheer electric thrill of a Vishnevskaya or the vibrant inner intensity of an Arkhipova.

This, her latest release, recorded in Budapest, shows her in sharper focus, with time and space enough to develop a true sensitivity to the differing characters of Tchaikovsky's operatic heroines and to the changing orchestral and vocal palette of his operas.

There is the archetypal and highly charged anxiety of Lisa's "It will soon be Midnight" from *The Queen of Spades* in which Dimitrova trims her vibrato to the shape of the melodic line as if she were one of Tchaikovsky's body of violins which, incidentally, are recorded with almost tactile immediacy under the vigorous baton of Zoltan Peskó. But there is, no less tellingly, the simplicity and clarity of outline she brings to the nightingale song from the lesser known *Oprichnik*, Tchaikovsky's Ivan the Terrible opera.

Canary-fanciers of more mainstream persuasion will be pleased to know that Decca have just issued digitally remastered CD transfers of Marilyn Horne's Rossini (421 306-2) and Joan Sutherland's Verdi, Bellini and Donizetti (421 305-2), both first rate.

Hilary Finch

BRIDGE

Failing in the fourth

The accounts of the final of the Bermuda Bowl invariably tell of a close struggle, with the Americans only asserting their supremacy over a tired British team in the last 16 boards.

That construction, while superficially accurate, is misleading. In truth the match was reminiscent of one of those enthralling marathons at Wimbledon, where the loser misses his chance in the fourth set rather than the last.

With 32 boards left to play, the score stood at USA 265, Great Britain 241. Forrester and Armstrong, Sheehan and I did several good things, but both pairs missed some golden chances.

On board 145 Forrester and Armstrong allowed their opponents to play in four clubs when they themselves could have made four hearts. No swing. On the next hand the TRS system employed by Forrester and Armstrong possibly accounted for an uncomfortable adventure in four diamonds doubled, which cost 500. Luckily no swing, as Sheehan and I extracted 500 from two diamonds doubled.

Then it was our turn. On board 151 I made an anti-system bid which led to us missing an easy slam.
This was board 153.
East-West Game.
Dealer North.

♠ 8 7
♥ A J 6 4 2
♦ K 8 3 2
♣ 6 5

♠ A J 5 2 / ♥ 8 3 / ♦ Q 9 7 4 / ♣ K J 3 — W N E S — ♠ K 6 / ♥ K 10 7 5 / ♦ A 10 8 5 / ♣ Q 8 2

♠ Q 10 9 4 3
♥ Q 8
♦ J
♣ A 10 9 7 4

This was the bidding when Britain were North-South.

W Lawrence	N Flint	E Rose	S Sheehan
–	1♣ (1)	No	2♦ (2)
No	2♠ (3)	No	No
No	–	–	–

(1) Usually a equivalent to a pass
(2) An unorthodox multi-coloured two Diamonds, prompted by the state of the match.
(3) "Content to play two spades if that is your major."

That cost 150.
In the other room

W Forrester	N Martel	E Armstrong	S Stansby
	No	No (1)	1♣
Double (2)	No	1NT	No
No	2♥	No (3)	No
2NT	No	No	No

(1) Promising a limited opening bid
(2) Negative, showing all round values
(3) This strikes me as cautious, because both East's previous bids have defined his hand as being in the weak no trump range.

Armstrong made 9 tricks so there was no swing. But North-South would have been in real trouble if Armstrong had swung his tomahawk.

The most expensive hand of all was board 157. Even months later I can scarcely bear to describe it.
Game all.
Dealer North.

♠ Q 8 7 5
♥ 7 2
♦ 7 6 5 4
♣ J 10 5

♠ A 10 6 / ♥ 10 9 6 4 / ♦ J 9 2 / ♣ 9 4 3 — W N E S — ♠ 9 4 2 / ♥ Q J 3 / ♦ K Q 10 8 / ♣ K Q 6

♠ K J 3
♥ A K 8 5
♦ A 3
♣ A 7 6 2

In one room Stansby (South) played quietly in one club, making 8 tricks.
90 to the USA.

The auction in our room was more eventful.

W Lawrence	N Flint	E Ross	S Sheehan
–	1♣ (1)	1NT	Double
No	No (2)	No	–

(1) Usually equivalent to a pass
(2) It is not our style to remove doubles of weak no trumps merely because we are weak. This hand should have been a triumph for that approach.

Sheehan led the ♥A on which I played the ♥2. To the cheers of a packed bridgerama (I was later told), Sheehan switched to the ♠K which Ross perhaps unwisely took with the Ace. The contract was apparently certain to fail, and if Ross erred when we played clubs it could be a bloodbath. Unhappily, to the increasing groans of the British camp, we got our wires crossed to such an extent that I had to do the right thing in the end game to save the second overtrick.

When the dust settled, we had gained 10 IMPs on these penultimate 16 boards, to close the gap to 14 IMPs. If we had taken all our chances, we should have gained 62 IMPs and a lead of 38 IMPs.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Trials of strength

The European Options Exchange tournament currently in progress at the Barbizon Palace Hotel in Amsterdam is distinguished by the participation of the world's top three players, Gary Kasparov, the reigning world champion, the former world champion, Anatoly Karpov, and the Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman. It is regarded as the strongest tournament in the history of chess, and comes within an ace of attaining a barely credible category 18 on the World Chess Federation scale.

The top three are joined by another Dutch Grandmaster, John Van Der Wiel. Each player meets every opponent four times, giving a total of 12 rounds. This extended trial of strength of the world's leading players will inevitably be seen as an unofficial tie-breaker from the Kasparov-Karpov title match in Seville last year. As readers will recall, that match was drawn, even though such an inconclusive outcome left Kasparov in retention of the title.

The main focus of interest will be the four fresh games between Kasparov and Karpov. In the first of these, playing with the normally disadvantageous Black pieces, the world champion introduced a method of defence which has never before been seen in a game between the two. Kasparov sacrificed a pawn for some counter-attack, but he could ultimately achieve no more than equal chances.

White: Anatoly Karpov; Black; Gary Kasparov
Neo-Grunfeld Defence
Amsterdam May 15

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6
3 Nf3 Bg7 4 g3 d5

Something of a surprise; Kasparov normally prefaces this central thrust with the solid 4...c6.

5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 Bg2 Nb6
7 Nc3 Nc6 8 e3 0-0
9 0-0 Re8 10 Re1 e5
11 d5 Na5 12 e4 c6
13 Bg5 f6 14 Be3 Nac4

This move implies the offer of a pawn to enliven the Black forces.

15 dxc6 Nxe3 16 Qxd8 Rxd8

White's coming intermezzo wins a pawn, but in compensation Kasparov acquires the Bishop pair and open lines for his pieces.

17 exb7 Bxb7 18 Rxe3 Bh6
19 Ree1 Nc4 20 Rad1 Kf8
21 h4 Rac8 22 Bh3 Rxd1
23 Rxd1 Nxb2 24 Rd7 Rxc3
25 Rxb7 Nc4 26 Nh2 Nd6

Karpov now decides to seize a hot pawn but as a result his Rook becomes temporarily locked out of combat.

27 Rxh7 Bg7 28 h5 gxh5
29 Rxh5 Rc1+ 30 Kg2 Rc2
31 Be6 Nxe4 32 Ng4 Rd2
33 Bh3 a5 34 Rf5 Nd6
35 Rh5 Ne4 36 Rf5 Nd6
37 Rh5 Ne4 38 Draw agreed

Kasparov's counterplay is sufficient for repetition of position, but he can extract no more.

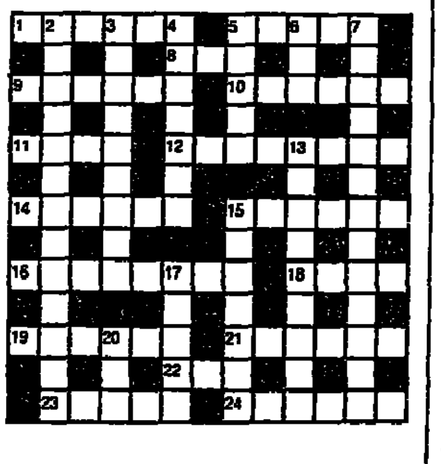
Raymond Keene

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, May 26. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, May 28.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1570

ACROSS

1 Play words (6)
5 Marque (5)
8 Tint (3)
9 Contusion (6)
10 In great numbers (6)
11 Sharp pain (4)
12 Statistical yearbooks (8)
14 Furtive (6)
15 Feel bitter (6)
16 Tape (8)
18 Related by blood (4)
19 Accompany (6)
21 Labelled (6)
22 Golf club front (3)
23 Healthily red (5)
24 Real property (6)



DOWN

2 Preliminary event (7,6)
3 Mica (9)
4 Medical treatment (7)
5 Muslim prince's widow (5)
6 Everyone (3)
7 Unexplored Africa (4,9)
13 Homesickness (9)
15 Go back in (7)
17 Tawdry (5)
20 Unusual (3)

The winners of prize concise No 1564 are: Thomas F. Graham, Wychwood, Bassett Dale, Bassett, Southampton; and M. Threasher, Homestead Way, Winscombe, Avon.

SOLUTION TO NO 1569

ACROSS: 1 Medusa 4 Massif 9 Gesture 10 Pylon 11 Crew 12 Caesarea 14 Oedema 15 Strong 18 Harangue 20 Pure 22 U-turn 23 Hot line 25 Eyelet 26 Beater

DOWN: 1 Mug 2 Distend 3 Slum 5 Apposite 6 Solar 7 Fandangle 8 Begat 11 Cookhouse 13 Eminence 16 Oculist 17 Pushy 19 Rouse 21 Stye 24 Ear

SOLUTION TO NO 1564 (last Saturday's Prize Concise)

ACROSS: 1 Bedlam 5 Siren 8 ADC 9 Smacks 10 Albert 11 Ante 12 Integral 14 Choice 15 Rebate 16 Blessing 18 Rand 19 Damsel 21 Trivia 22 ECT 23 Yacht 24 Avenge

DOWN: 2 Edmund Hillary 3 Lucretius 4 Massive 5 Scant 6 Rib 7 Norgay Tenzing 13 Gaberdine 15 Regatta 17 Inlet 20 Sac

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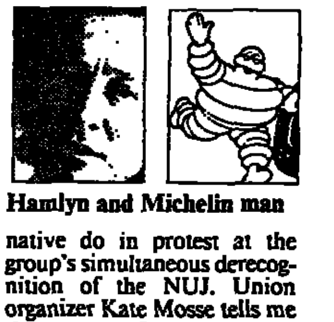
THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

In the frame

The new director of the British Film Institute is Wilf Stevenson, the 41-year-old deputy director, who joined the BFI just over a year ago from Napier College, the Edinburgh Polytechnic. He is essentially an administrator, whose main areas of interest have been training, promoting equal opportunities and preparing the BFI for computerization. But he has endeared himself to BFI staff by watching a lot of films. His main rival for the job was Christopher Frayling, author of a standard book on Spaghetti Westerns, professor at the Royal College of Art and the man responsible for securing a rare TV interview with Woody Allen. Frayling's lack of experience of running a large organization might have shaded the decision against him. Stevenson takes over in October when Anthony Smith becomes president of Magdalen College, Oxford.

Octobash

There was a choice of Octopus parties on Wednesday night. Inside Michelin House, South Kensington, Octopus chairman Paul Hamlyn was celebrating the move to the building of his publishing consortium, which includes Secker & Warburg, Methuen and Hamlyn. Outside, trade unionists organized an alternative do in protest at the group's simultaneous derecognition of the NUJ. Union organizer Kate Mosse tells me that scores of guests donned NUJ protest badges before entering the official bash.



Hamlyn and Michelin man

Silence falls

Hundreds of hours of London's oral history were quietly abandoned this week when the axe fell on the capital's Sound and Video Archive. The archive was set up five years to support 150 oral history groups in London and houses some 2,000 tapes, mainly recollections of everyday life earlier this century. The London Boroughs Grants Committee, which took over funding from the GLC, voted on Wednesday to end its £32,000 grant on the grounds that the archive was not raising enough income through charging and sponsorhip. Doc Rowe, who earned £10,000 a year running the archive with his assistant, says it is simply not possible to earn significant funds. He plans to shut up shop and begin dispersing the collection at the end of this month. Is it too much to hope that some imaginative electronics company will come up with sponsorship?

Black arts?

As if Sir Peter Hall's productions of the late Shakespeare plays at the National had not suffered enough, a preview of *The Winter's Tale* was blacked out by a power cut the other night. When the lights went off three-quarters of the way through the show, Sir Peter bounced on to the stage and asked the audience if his players should continue. "Yes, please", they replied and so the Cottesloe reverted to the technical conventions of a century ago and lined up a row of candelabra at the foot of the stage. Tim Pigott-Smith, Eileen Atkins and the rest of the cast resorted to holding them by hand as they delivered the lines. Apart from one muffed entrance, when an actor appeared to lose his way in the dark, I am told the result was a theatrical triumph.

● **Whatever the final verdict on the late Shakespeare plays, the National has a hit on its hands with *The Shaugrhaun*, the unpronounceable Irish play that opened last week. Indeed, I learn the National has already had two offers to transfer it to the United States. This might prove difficult: to conjur the 14 settings — from ruined abbeys to rocky seashores — the Olivier has employed stage machinery it hardly knew it had. There are just not that many American stages that incorporate 40ft drum-revolves and hydraulic elevators.**

Ring reject

A little known episode in the past of the new French prime minister has been passed on to me by Jean-Baptiste Thierree, whose *Le Cirque Imaginaire* opens at the Mermaid next month. Michel Rocard is a long-time friend of the French circus owner and, indeed, was best man at his wedding to Victoria Chaplin (Charlie's daughter) in 1969. The youthful Rocard was apparently so taken with Thierree's lifestyle that he asked to join the circus. Thierree told him he had a great future in politics.

Andrew Billen

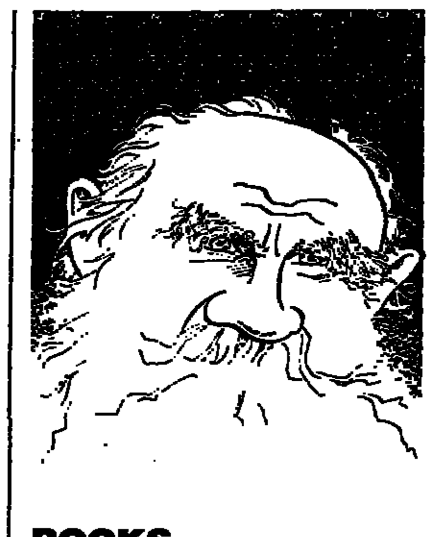
THE WEEK AHEAD

OPERA

NEW LEONORE: Kathryn Harries sings her first Leonore at the Coliseum on Friday in the revival of Beethoven's *Fidelio*. This is the opera which replaces the planned new production of *Tannhäuser*, cancelled courtesy the Arts Council's reduced grant to the ENO. She has been making her name primarily in heavyweight roles, especially Wagner. Her Kundry for The Met is to be followed by Gutrune in the *Ring* cycle at the same house. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

THEATRE

THE SINGING PM: Robert Hardy is making his fifth appearance in the role of Winston Churchill, this time on the stage in the musical *Winnie*, which begins previews in London this week. The show is set in Berlin in a German light opera house and it looks back on Churchill's conduct of the Second World War, combining hits of the period with some new songs. In one of his two roles, Hardy sings several numbers, but as the prime minister he will sing only one, in the bath. Victoria Palace Theatre (01-834 1317). Previews from today.



BOOKS

AT WAR, AT PEACE: Tolstoy, the giant of Russian literature, is captured and analysed by A N Wilson in his big literary and psychological biography, *Tolstoy* (Hamish Hamilton, £16.95), published on Monday. Lev Tolstoy was a mountain of paradoxes: dissolute layabout who became the Russian Shakespeare; army officer who became vehement pacifist; preacher of love and peace who created a domestic hell. Wilson examines the work and the man, using the professional novelist's cold eye.

GALLERIES

DAZZLE-PAINTING: Tess Jaray paints pictures whose abstract, Op Art illusionism has a disorienting effect. Much of the inspiration for her ambiguous perspectives and floating forms comes from the study and appreciation of ancient buildings. Her association with architecture was recently extended when she completed two patterned pavements for the concourse of Victoria Station. An exhibition of Jaray's paintings and drawings since 1980 is on show at the Serpentine Gallery, London W2 (01-402 6075). From Today.

ROCK

CHRISTIAN MEN: Garry Christian, whose Yul Brynner look has proved a handy visual tag for the Christians, is part of a team that incorporates his younger brother Russell and the keyboard-playing songwriter Henry Priestman. The Liverpool trio have created a pop-soul hybrid with its roots in *a cappella* gospel singing, and struck double-platinum with an eponymous debut album, released last year. Tues, Brighton Dome (0273 674357); Wed, Bristol Hippodrome (0272 299444); Fri, Liverpool Empire (051-709 1555).

DANCE

IN BRUCE'S FOOTSTEPS: Koen Onzia opens the London Festival Ballet's season at Sadler's Wells playing Lorca in Christopher Bruce's new production of *Cruel Garden*, the ballet based on the life and work of the Spanish poet. Onzia first won attention by his virtuoso technique, but a spell working under Valery Panov's direction in his native Belgium added a dramatic flair which will be prominent as he takes over the part that Bruce himself played 11 years ago. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). From Tues to May 28.

THEATRE

LONDON

ARISTOCRATS: British première of Brian Friel play; with Niall Buggy, Sinead Cusack, Charlotte Cornwell, Peter Caffrey.
Hampstead Theatre (01-722 9301). Previews from Thurs. Opens Jun 2.

BP YOUNG DIRECTORS' FESTIVAL: Three finalists direct plays, beginning with Bridie Rodgers: Lorca's *The Love of Don Perlimpin and Belisa.*
Battersea Arts Centre, SW11 (01-223 2223). Opens Wed.

THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA: Penelope Keith, Anthony Bate, John Normington and David Yelland in the Terence Rattigan romantic drama.
Theatre Royal Haymarket (01-930 9832). Opens Tues.

FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS: 50 young Australians in a show of acrobatics, trapeze, clowning.
South Bank Centre, SE1 (01-928 3191). Opens tomorrow (matinée).

GREENLAND: Howard Brenton "Play for Utopia". With Sheila Hancock, Jane Lapotaire, Janet McTeer, Ben Onwukwe, Ron Cook, David Haig, Larry Lamb and Lesley Sharp.
Royal Court (01-730 1745). Previews from Thurs. Opens Jun 1.

NOMAD: The story of turn-of-the-century African explorer Isabelle Eberhardt.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, London N1 (01-226 1916). Opens Mon. Lunchtime only.

OLHARES DE PERFIL (SIDEWAYS GLANCE): British début of Brazilian Thirties tale including an actor impersonating Greta Garbo. In Portuguese.
Corner Theatre, Hen & Chickens pub., Highbury Corner, N1 (01-226 3724). Opens Tues.

OUT OF TOWN

BRIGHTON: Playboy of the Western World: Abbey Theatre Dublin production of the J.M. Synge classic.
Theatre Royal (0273 28488). Opens Mon.

PETERBOROUGH: Holiday Swap: Michael Pertwee/John Chapman farce on tour; with Windsor Davies, Geoffrey Hughes, Margaret Ashcroft, Henry McGee.
Key (0733 52439). Opens Tues.

SHEFFIELD: Wuthering Heights: Kirsten Hughes, Julia Ormond, Rory Edwards, directed by Jane Collins in a Brontë adaptation.
Crucible (0742 769922). Opens Thurs.

CONCERTS

ROGÉ RECITAL: The outstanding pianist Pascal Rogé somewhat oddly includes Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata and Schumann's *Kinderscenen* in a recital called "Paris 1860-1930".
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm.

MUTTER MUSIC: Anne Sophie Mutter solos in Sibelius's Violin Concerto with the LSO under Myung Whun Chung.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

BRITTEN/STRAUSS The Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Davis, in Britten's *Serenade* and *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* along with Richard Strauss's *Alpine Symphony*.
Festival Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

BERKELEY'S BIRTHDAY: The Henry Wood Chamber Orchestra salutes Sir Lennox Berkeley's 85th birthday by playing his *Diversions* and *Sinfonietta*.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Wed, 7.30pm.

KOGAN CONDUCTS: The Moscow Philharmonic is under the baton of Pavel Kogan for Weber's Oberon Overture, Shostakovich's Symphony No 5, and Derek Han can be heard in Beethoven's "Emperor" Piano Concerto No 5.
Barbican Centre. Fri, 7.45pm.

WORD-WATCHING
Answers from page 24

MANCANDO
(b) The musical term for "dying away", also *mancante*, from the Italian.

FLATULOPEPTIC
(b) Pretentious, pompous, inflated; literally pertaining to gas production in the bowels.

EBBERMAN
(c) A fisherman who specializes in fishing below bridges, usually at ebbing tide.

TUBICINATE
(a) To play the trumpet, from the Latin *tuba* a trumpet with a straight tube (as opposed to *cornu* the Roman trumpet with a curved tube), and *canere* to sing, and also to play a musical instrument.

TELEVISION

● Thora Hird (above) is Doris, a widow whose life is changed by a fall, in *A Cream Cracker Under the Settee*, last in the *Talking Heads* series of monologues by Alan Bennett. Though better known for her comedy roles, Thora Hird is a accomplished straight actress whose sense of timing and feel for the nuances of ordinary speech have made her an ideal interpreter of Bennett's work. BBC1. Tuesday, 9.30-10pm.

KENTUCKY FRIED MEDICINE: Three-part series which looks at private medicine in Britain and the US.
Channel 4. Mon, 10.50pm-12.10am; part 2 on Thurs; part 3 on May 30.

THE MAGIC LANTERN and THE DIRECTOR: Two documentaries about the Swedish film maker, Ingmar Bergman, pegged to his 70th birthday and recently published autobiography.
Channel 4, Tues, 9-10pm; ITV, Tues, 10.35-11.35pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

TALE OF TWO CITIES: Post-war New York and Paris, by American photographer Todd Webb.
National Centre of Photography, The Octagon, Milsom Street, Bath (0225 62841). Until July 24.

EDINBURGH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY: 40 works by Scottish pioneers of photography.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen St, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). *Until* Sept 11.

HUMPHREY SPENDER: Documents British life during the 1930s and 1940s.
Side Gallery, 9 Side, Newcastle (0632 322208). Until June 12.

DANCE

JORMA UOTINEN: Finnish choreographer returns to the Brighton Festival with his solo *Scream*.
Gardner Centre, Falmer (0273-674357).

ROYAL BALLET: Ashton's *Ondine* is given Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and a mixed bill Wednesday with Balanchine's *Serenade* and *Bugaku* and Robbins's *The Concert*.
Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

SCOTTISH BALLET: John Cranko's *Romeo and Juliet* is given today at Eden Court Theatre, Inverness (0463-221718) and Tuesday to May 28 at Theatre Royal, Newcastle upon Tyne (091-232 2061).

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: A single performance of *Peter Grimes* tonight at 7.30pm.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240-1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Nicholas Hytner's production of Handel's *Xerxes* with Ann Murray in the title role tonight and Wed at 7pm. *The Magic Flute* continues on Tues (7pm), and *Fidelio* returns on Fri (7.30pm).
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836-3161).

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL: Tonight, Wed and Fri at 6.20pm, *Katya Kabanova*. Tomorrow, Thurs and Sat May 28 at 5.40pm, *Die Entführung aus dem Serail*.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273-541111).

INNERERKLANG MUSIC THEATRE: Take over the Bloomsbury Festival this week. On Mon at 7.30pm, the world première of *Teoponte*, an electro-accoustic opera by Agustin Fernandez; on Tues until Sat at 7.30pm they present *The Threepenny Opera*.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC2 (01-387-9629).

KENT OPERA: On tour. On Tues Judith Weir's *A Night at the Chinese Opera*; On Wed and Fri Richard Jones's playful new production of Rossini's *Count Ory*; and on Thurs and Sat May 28 a revival of *Don Giovanni*.
Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752-669595).

GALLERIES

TONY BEVAN: Huge paintings of imaginary characters from urban low-life done since 1980.
Kettle's Yard, Cambridge (0223 352124). From Today.

CRITICAL REALISM: Paintings, sculptures, prints and photographs of Britain in the 1980s by 28 artists, ranging from cartoonist Gerald Scarfe to painter Peter Howson.
Winchester Gallery, Winchester (0962 842500). From Tuesday.

THE SUBVERSIVE STITCH: 200 items of embroidery from 1300 to 1900.
The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester (061-273 4865). From Friday.

CHRISTO: The American artist who recently gift-wrapped the Pont Neuf returns with drawings and constructions for his Umbrellas Project, a scheme to fly thousands of massive parachutes over Japan and the USA.
Annely Juda Fine Art, London W1 (01-637 5517). From Thursday.

JOHN McLEAN: Winsome abstract paintings by a master of the genre.
Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, London EC1 (01-250 1962). From Friday.

WORKS ON PAPER: Six artists, including John Golding, Adam Gray and Maggi Hambling, selected by Marina Vaizey, arts critic of *The Sunday Times*.
Oxford Gallery, Oxford (0865 242731). From Monday.

THE BRITISH INTERIOR DESIGN EXHIBITION 1988: A series of complete room sets by leading practitioners.
The Chelsea Old Town Hall, London SW3 (01-938 4759). From Thursday.

WALKS

RADICAL LONDON — BATTLES OF CABLE STREET & WAPPING: meet today, Tower Hill tube, 2.30pm, £3.

ROYAL AND ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: meet tomorrow, Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Sun).

RADIO

SIR GERAINT EVANS: The Welsh baritone turns disc jockey for a new series in which he plays favourite music (mainly operatic).
Radio 2, tomorrow, 7.35-8.30pm.

LATIN AMERICANS: The first of a series of portraits by Hugh O'Shaughnessy features Nacha Guevara, the singer and actress who recently returned to her native Argentine after eight years in exile.
Radio 4, Wed, 9.15-9.45pm.

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES: First of a two-part dramatization of Conan Doyle's Dartmoor thriller, with Roger Rees as Sherlock Holmes and Crawford Logan as Dr Watson.
Radio 4, Fri, 3-4pm.

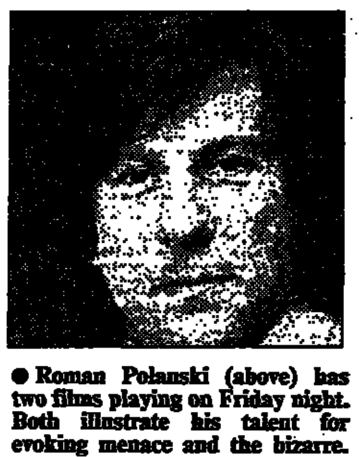
ROCK

LOUISE GOFFIN: Expatriate singer-songwriter daughter of Gerry Goffin and Carole King.
Mon, Marquee, London W1 (01-437 6603).

ALEXANDER O'NEAL: Suave Minneapolis soul sensation of "Hearsay" fame.
Tues & Wed, Manchester Apollo (061-273 3775); Thurs, Fri, Sat 28, Mon 30, Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

PETER MURPHY: Ex-Bauhaus singer with the low voice and high cheekbones.
Wed, Town & Country, London NW5 (01-267 3334).

FILMS ON TV



● Roman Polanski (above) has two films playing on Friday night. Both illustrate his talent for evoking menace and the bizarre. *The Tenant* (BBC1, 11.20pm-1.20am) was made in France in 1976 and stars Polanski himself as a Polish emigré who takes a flat in Paris and wishes he hadn't. *Cul-de-Sac* (Channel 4, 12.15-2.20am) is an extraordinary black comedy set on an island off north-east England.

BLACKMAIL (1929): Alfred Hitchcock's historic thriller, packed with the master's special touches, which was shot as a silent and had talking sequences added.
Channel 4, Thurs, 5-6.35pm.

FRENZY (1944): A schoolgirl's painful trip through adolescence in the film that launched the careers of Mai Zetterling and (as writer) Ingmar Bergman.
Channel 4, Thurs, 12.15-2.05am.

FILMS

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES (15): An advertising executive (Steve Martin) and a shower curtain ring salesman (John Candy) on a nightmare journey from New York to Chicago.
Plaza (01-437 1234), from Fri.

SIESTA (18): Ellen Barkin gives her all as the daredevil artiste in a daze in Spain. Glossy, pretentious drama, directed by Mary Lambert (after music videos for Madonna). With Gabriel Byrne, Jodie Foster.
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742), from Fri.

APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH (PG): Over-familiar Agatha Christie thriller from the Cannon factory, in which Peter Ustinov's Hercule Poirot solves a murder in Palestine.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279), from Fri.

JAZZ

MARTIAL SOLAL: A rare concert by the French pianist heralds the start of the highly enterprising jazz segment of the Bath Festival.
The Guildhall, Bath (info 0225 63362/66411) Fri.

ANTHONY BRAXTON: An afternoon recital by the American multi-instrumentalist, in the no-man's-land between jazz and contemporary classical music.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, London SW1 (01-930 0493) tomorrow.

CEDAR WALTON: Return of the reliable modern pianist, at the head of a quartet.
Ronnie Scott's, London W1 (01-439 0747) Mon to Sat

JOHN SCOFIELD: The ex-Miles Davis guitarist appears with the powerful fusion quartet which won much acclaim last autumn.
Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019) Fri; Trades Club, Leeds (info 0532 742486) Sat.

HUMPHREY LYTTELTON/RONNIE SCOTT: One of the mainstream highlights of the Brighton Jazz Festival, with the elder statesmen leading their respective bands, supported by the National Youth Jazz Orchestra.
The Dome, Brighton (0273 674357/0) Wed.

BOOKINGS

OPERA NORTH: Subscription booking for 10th anniversary season, with new productions of *The Love for Three Oranges, Boris Godunov, The Pearl Fishers, Manon*, and *Lucia di Lammermoor*; and revivals of *Aida, The Flying Dutchman, La Bohème*, and *The Marriage of Figaro*. Plus gala birthday celebration on Nov 13. Postal booking only from today for existing subscribers. New subscribers from May 30.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds LS1 6NU. (0532 445326 for information).

THE ICE AGE: Exhibition of models, fossils, photos and charts, looking at the Britain of 75,000 years ago. Ends today.
Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire. (0722 332151).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse; **Radio, Television:** Peter Waymark; **Films on TV:** Peter Waymark.

Anderson's veteran star rally

The Old Growler: Lindsay Anderson with Lillian Gish during the making of *The Whales of August*

Lindsay Anderson, trying to explain his sparse filmography, says: "I'm not a career man. My objective is to make a particular subject that I believe in." Since *Britannia Hospital* in 1982, the subjects have been getting harder to find for Britain's most combative director.

In 1985 he began a documentary about the pop group Wham! but the powers-that-be felt there was too much China and too little Wham!. Then *The Whales of August* came along, based on David Berry's play about two elderly sisters facing life's changes in their Maine cottage.

Berry's own family provided inspiration: his childhood summers were spent staying with two great aunts in just such a cottage. But it wasn't the material that was hard to resist so much as the leading players: Lillian Gish and Bette Davis. At first Davis turned down the part of the blind sister, Libby, who spends her days feeling crotchety and tending her long white hair. "Who'll care about these two old dames?" she said. But she finally relented.

Gish, the doyenne of the silent screen who announced during filming that she was celebrating her 87th birthday (a conservative estimate), plays the more chirrupy sister, Sarah. Co-producer Mike Kaplan had wanted to find a suitable film vehicle to show off Gish's talents ever since meeting her in 1968. With Berry's play, he considered his search over.

The rest of the cast is equally choice: horror maestro Vincent Price as a professional house guest (John Gielgud was first slated for the part); and Ann Sothern, vivacious adornment of MGM wartime frolics, as the sisters' flirtatious neighbour.

Anderson's long experience in the theatre helped him mould together the diverse players. "Bette Davis," he says, "is a phenomenally skilful actress of power and temperament, a consumate technician. Whereas Lillian is an actress of intuition: her technique comes entirely out of her feeling for the moment, her wonderful sensitivity."

He declares himself pleased with the mixture, and the way the players carry an aura from their previous work. Anderson added to the echoes himself by casting Harry Carey Jr (from the acting stable of his favourite Hollywood director John Ford) as the local handyman. Regular Anderson collaborators joined him on the Maine locations: cameraman Mike Fash; actor Frank Grimes; production designer Jocelyn Herbert. Alan Price, veteran of *O Lucky Man!* and several Anderson stage productions, wrote the music.

Working with friends, Anderson says, is the only bearable way to work. How, then, did Bette Davis fit in? "She started by liking me, then became suspicious, but we ended as sort of friends." Perhaps she recognized a fellow fighter: Anderson delights in speaking his mind and stirring up trouble (Glenda Jackson calls him "the old growler").

The Whales of August, though, is definitely an autumnal film, which recognizes life's frailties while celebrating two extraordinary, indestructible actresses.

Geoff Brown

The Whales of August (U) opens in London on May 27 at the Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737).

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 **WALES: 5.15pm-5.20** Sports News Wales **SCOTLAND: 5.15pm-5.20** Scottish News and Sport **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.15pm** Inside Ulster Newsline **5.20-5.45** Video Picture Show **ENGLAND: 5.15pm-5.20** London: Sport; Plymouth: Spotlight News and Sport; Other regions: Regional news and sport

ANGLIA As London except: **11.30am-12.00** America's Top Ten **5.05-5.15** Anglia News, Sport and Weather.

BORDER As London except: **11.30am America's Top Ten** 12.00-1.00pm **International Soccer Tournament** 1.05 **Border News and Weather followed by Cartoon** 1.30-2.30 **Squash** 1.05am **Weather, close.**

CENTRAL As London except: **11.30am** Terrahawks **12.00-1.00pm** Indoor Football **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.05am** Film: The Amateur **2.10** The Man from UNCLE **3.10** Film: Ill Met By Moonlight

CHANNEL As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Knight Rider **2.15** Saint & Greavsie **2.45-5.00** Football **4.00am** Company, Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Beathaichean Neonach **1.05am** Knight Rider **1.30-2.30** Squash **5.15-5.45** Connections **1.05am** Reflections, close.

GRANADA As London except: **11.30am-12.00** The Incredible Hulk **12.00-1.00pm** Indoor Football **11.05** Kojak **12.05am** Film: The Amateur **2.10** Formula One **3.10-5.00** Film: Ill Met By Moonlight.

HTV WEST As London except: **11.30am-12.00** America's Top 10 **11.05pm** Magnum **12.00** Film: The Amateur **2.00** Sledge Hammer **2.30** Weather, close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **11.05pm-12.00** Rugby Union: Wellington v Wales.

TSW As London except: **11.30am-12.00** The South West Week **5.05pm** Newsport **5.10-5.15** Cartoon Time. **1.05am** Postscript **1.10** Weather, close.

TVS As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Knight Rider **4.00am** Company, Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Terrahawks **1.05am** Poets' Corner **1.15-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Wrestling **1.15pm** Crazy World of Sport **1.45** International Squash **2.45-5.00** Film: Battle of Midway **11.05** Football: Northern Ireland v Malta **11.50** Film: Trouble Comes to Town **1.05am** Weather, Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **11.30am-12.00** Terrahawks **1.05am** Inside the Third Reich **2.45** Jobfinder **3.45** Close.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Dispatches **10.15** What The Papers Say **10.30** A Gardener's Guide **11.00** Opinions **11.30** Changing The Silence **12.00** Teesra Kinara **12.30** Film: Going My Way* **3.00** Racing from Newmarket and Curragh **5.00** Sid's Family **6.00** Right to Reply **6.30** Glorious Colour **7.00** Scotland Yard* **7.35** Newyddion **7.50** Dal I Hau **8.20** Minafon **9.05** Rygbi (Wellington v Cymru) **9.40** Cynhadledd Llafur '88 **9.50** Kate and Allie **10.20** Making of 'The Last Emperor' **11.40** After Dark **2.10am** Close.

RTE 1 Starts: **10.30am** Action Station Saturday **12.50pm** News **12.52** Sports Stadium **5.10** The Houndcats And The Barclays **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** News **6.15** Mailbag **6.30** Cartoon Time **6.40** The Muppet Show **7.10** Highway to Heaven **8.05** MacGyver **9.00** News **9.15** Dallas **10.10** 'Live' in Dublin **10.50** Late News followed by Film: Nightmare **12.30am** Close.

RTE 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Racing from The Curragh **4.40** The Duna Bull **5.20** Film: Dakota Lil **7.00** Disappearing World **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** The West of the Imagination **9.15** Brown Sugar **10.15** Film: The Story of Gosta Berling **11.15** Baka: People of the Rain Forest **1.00am** Close.

SUNDAY

BBC1 **WALES: 10.55pm** Conference Report (Welsh Labour Party) **11.35** Having a Baby **12.05am** Shrinkout **12.45-12.50** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 12.35pm-12.58** Landward **4.45** Sounding Brass **4.55** The Golden Oldie Picture Show **5.20-5.50** The Beechgrove Festival Garden **12.05am-12.10** News and weather

ANGLIA As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon **1.00pm** Link **1.15** Emergency 999 **1.20** Anglia News **1.25** Weather **1.30-2.00** Farming Diary **11.30** V **12.30am-1.00** Sledge Hammer!

BORDER As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon **1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.35** Cartoon Time **1.40-2.00** Link **2.30** Indoor Football **4.30-5.30** Highway to Heaven **11.30** Living and Growing for Adults **12.00** Weather, close.

CENTRAL As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon Time **1.00** Central News followed by Central Post **1.15** Link **1.30-2.00** Here and Now **2.30** Indoor Football **4.30** Jimmy's **5.00** All Clued Up **5.30** Highway to Heaven **6.25-6.30** Cartoon Time **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30am** Donahue **1.25** Film: The Kid From Brooklyn **3.30** Off the Wall **4.15-5.00** Central Jobfinder '88

CHANNEL As London except: **9.25am** Weather **9.26-9.35** Starting Point **1.00pm** Link **1.15** Les Français Chez-Vous **1.30-2.00** Europe 1992 — Enterprise South Special **11.30** Quincy **12.30am** Throb **3.00** Company, close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon **11.00** America's Top Ten **11.30-12.00** A Personal View (Prof Alan Main) **1.00** Farming Outlook **1.30** Grampian News **1.35** Cartoon **1.40-2.00** Link **2.30** Football: Scottish Junior Cup Final **5.00** Knight Rider **5.30-6.00** Jimmy's **11.30** Living and Growing for Adults **12.00** Reflections, close.

GRANADA As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon Time **1.00pm** Members Only **1.05** This Is Your Right **1.35** Aap Kaa Hak **1.40-2.00** Link **2.30** Indoor Football **4.30** Jimmy's **5.00** All Clued Up **5.30-6.30** Highway to Heaven **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30am** Donahue **1.25** Film: The Kid From Brooklyn **3.30** Off the Wall **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon Time **1.05pm** Farming **1.35** Cartoon Time **1.45-2.00** Link **5.00-5.30** Jimmy's **11.30** The Silk Road **12.30am** Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except: **9.25-9.35am** Cartoon **11.00** Terrahawks **11.30-12.00** Farming Outlook **1.00** The Glen Michael Cavalcade **1.40** Link **2.00** Come Wind, Come Weather **2.30** Football: The Scottish Junior Cup Final **5.00-5.30** Easy Street **11.30** Living and Growing for Adults **12.00** Crann Tara **12.30am** Donahue **1.25** Film: The Kid From Brooklyn **3.30** Off the Wall **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon Time **10.30** Gardens for All **1.00pm** Farming News **1.30** Bangladesh, By the River **1.40-2.00** Link **5.00-6.00** Highway to Heaven **11.30** Kojak **12.25am** Sunday Review **12.30** Weather, Close.

TVS As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon Time **1.00pm** TVS News **1.05** Link **1.20** Action! **1.30-2.00** Europe 1992: Enterprise South Special **11.30** Quincy **12.30am-1.00** Throb **2.00** Company, Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Hello Sunday **1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.30** Regional News **1.35** Link **1.50-2.00** Cartoon Time **5.00** All Clued Up **5.30-6.30** Highway to Heaven **11.30** Living and Growing for Adults **12.00** Epilogue **12.10am-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon Time **1.00pm** Ask Anne **1.15** Link **1.30-2.00** Farming Ulster **11.35** Sports Results **11.40** The Fall Guy **12.35am** News.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon Time **1.00pm** Five Minutes **1.05** Link **1.25-2.00** Farming Diary **11.30** Blacke's Magic **12.25am** Jobfinder **1.25** Close.

S4C Starts: **9.00am** Hafoc **10.00** The World This Week **11.00** Tree House **11.30** Masters of Disaster **12.00** So You Won't Squawk* **12.20pm** Fideo 9 **1.00** Wired **2.00** Film: The Courtneys of Curzon Street* **4.15** A Prospect of Rivers **5.15** The Business Programme **6.00** Ice Skating **7.05** Sam Tan **7.15** Deri Dag **7.20** Newyddion **7.30** Cais Am Gan **8.00** Mwynhau'r Pethe **8.30** Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol **9.00** Hel Straeon **9.30** Ar Adain Chwim **10.15** Film: Gunfight at the OK Corral **12.30am** Close.

RTE 1 Starts: **11.15am** A Service of Worship **12.00** News headlines followed by the Triumph of the West **12.55pm** Six Centuries of Verse **1.20** Room Outside **1.45** Landmark **2.15** Bookside **3.10** Film: Up in the Air **4.10** Film: Red Skies of Montana **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** News **6.15** The Cosby Show **6.40** Iris '88 **7.10** Magnum **9.00** News **9.20** The Session **10.20** Questions and Answers **11.15** Tales of the Unexpected **11.45** News **11.50** Close.

RTE 2 Starts: **5.05pm** Jim Henson presents the World of Puppetry **6.05** Hart to Hart **7.00** Newsweek **7.30** Marketplace **8.00** Nuacht **8.05** The Sunday Special An All-Star Celebration Honouring Martin Luther King **9.55** The Sunday Game **10.50** Ireland v Poland highlights **11.45** Close.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

SATURDAY

● For those of us who admired Rupert Davies as Simenon's ruminative, pipe-smoking detective in the BBC Maigret series of the Sixties, anyone else attempting the role must seem like an imposter. Even so, Richard Harris, who plays him in Maigret (ITV, 8.00pm) seems to have gone out of his way to make his portrayal as least like Davies's as possible. The trouble is that he is not much like Simenon's Maigret, either. As played by Harris, he is a big, shambling figure, with a battered hat, glasses, scruffy blonde hair and a croaky Irish accent. Harris even gives him an Irish name, McGrey. He also calls his Peugeot a Pewjo.

CHOICE

Since most of the other main characters are American, a squabbling family of rich industrialists lifted straight from *Dallas/Dynasty*, the Frenchness which was the charm and essence of the Simenon stories is all but obliterated. We are left with a conventional and none too gripping cop show, with lines like "Inspector, if you'd like to tell me what all this is about . . ." and reaching its finale on a luxury liner which is supposed to be in the sub-tropics but looks as if it is anchored off Skegness in February.

Peter Waymark

Richard Harris's portrayal of the famous French detective, a long way from Simenon's original (Maigret: ITV, 8.00pm)

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.25 Roobarb (r). **8.30 The Family-Ness** (r). **8.35 The Muppet Babies** (r).
9.00 On the Waterfront with Andrew O'Connor **10.37 Weather.**
10.40 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **10.45, 1.40, 2.35** and **4.00 Cricket:** England v West Indies at Headingley; **1.00 News; 1.05 Football; 1.20 Boxing** from Portsmouth; **1.55, 2.25** and **3.25 Racing from Lingfield Park; 2.05** and **4.35 Motorcycling** from Carnaby Raceway; **3.55** Half-times; **4.55** Final score
5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather **5.15** Regional news/sport
5.20 First Class. Inter-school competition. Plessington High of Birkenhead challenge Tring from Hertfordshire
5.45 Film: The Guns of Navarone (1961) starring Gregory Peck, David Niven and Anthony Quinn. Second World War adventure about a team of commandos with a mission to destroy German guns on a Greek island. Directed by J. Lee-Thompson. (Ceefax)
8.15 Bob Says Opportunity Knocks. Talent show presented by Bob Monkhouse
9.05 News and sport. With Moira Stuart. Weather.
9.20 Film: Carbon Copy (1981) starring George Segal, Susan Saint James and Jack Warden. Comedy about a successful businessman whose comfortable life-style is upset by the arrival of his black son — the product of a naughty night many years past. With Denzel Washington. Directed by Michael Schultz. (Ceefax)
10.50 American Basketball. Highlights of the early games of the Conference semifinals introduced by Sally Jones.
11.40 John Denver. The first of two programmes recorded at a concert at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (r).
12.30am The Rockford Files. Jim investigates a break-in at a Hollywood doctor's office. Starring James Garner (r).
1.15 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
2.45 Shrikant. Episode three of the nine-part Indian serial. In Hindi with English subtitles.
3.25 A Dirty Weekend. John Thirlwell and Kathy Tayler try an adventure weekend in North Yorkshire (first shown on BBC North East).
3.55 The Week in the Lords reviewed by Christopher Jones.
4.35 International One-Day Cricket. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the concluding session in the second 55-overs-a-side match for the Texaco Trophy between England and the West Indies at Headingley. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister.
7.25 NewsView. Moira Stuart with today's news; Mike Smartt reviews the week's news in pictures with subtitles. Weather.
8.05 A Week in British Art. Joan Bakewell previews BBC2's 20-programme series on contemporary British art.
8.15 Jansons Conducts. Marriss Jansons conducts the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Brahms' Symphony No 4 in E minor, Op 98. Introduced by Brian Kay from St David's Hall, Cardiff.
9.05 Sophia and Constance. The final episode of the adaptation of Arnold Bennett's *The Old Wives' Tale* and a chance meeting brings the two sisters together for the first time in 30 years. Starring Phyllis Calvert, Helen Cherry and Alfred Burke (r). (Ceefax)
10.00 James Stewart — A Wonderful Life. A tribute to the popular film star who celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday. With interviews, reminiscences and film clips from a number of his many films. Among the contributors are Walter Matthau, Katharine Hepburn, Gene Kelly, Clint Eastwood, Ronald Reagan and the birthday boy himself. Presented by Johnny Carson.
11.25 Atlantic at 40. The last of five programmes of highlights of a New York concert celebrating four decades of the record company. Ends at **12.15am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes news and weather at **9.20.**
9.25 Get Fresh at the Galloway Games in Stranraer. The guests include the group Aswad **11.30 Punky Brewster.** Comedy series
12.00 Wrestling from Madison Square Garden, New York
1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong.
1.05 LWT News and weather followed by **Film: The Blue Knight** (1975) starring George Kennedy. A made-for-television thriller about an ageing Los Angeles policeman on the trail of the man who killed a colleague. Directed by J. Lee-Thompson.
2.30 Football — the Rous Cup. Live coverage of the game at Wembley between England and Scotland, introduced by Elton Welsby with commentary by Brian Moore.
5.00 News 5.05 LWT News and weather.
5.10 Walt Disney Presents. Farmyard Symphony.
5.15 Winner Takes All. Quiz game presented by Geoffrey Wheeler.
5.45 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records. The first of a new series presented by David Frost.
6.15 The Funny Side takes a lighthearted look at romance.
7.00 People Do the Funniest Things. Unsuspecting members of the public make fools of themselves (r).
7.30 The Two of Us. Comedy series about a disparate couple living happily together (r). (Oracle)
8.00 Maigret. (see Choice)
10.00 News 10.15 LWT Weather.
10.20 After Ten with Tarbuck. Among tonight's guests are the Moody Blues and Wimbledon Football Club captain Dave Beasant.
11.05 Film: The Amateur (1981) starring John Savage and Christopher Plummer. Thriller about a terrorist group who take over the American consulate in Munich and demand the release of jailed colleagues. Directed by Charles Jarrott.
1.00 Night Network. The guests include Rolf Harris and Courtney Pine.
4.00 College Basketball '88. North Carolina v Arizona.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Making the Most Of. Leisure ideas (r). **10.00 Moneyspinner** (r).
10.30 Film: Innocents in Paris (1953, b/w) starring Alastair Sim and Margaret Rutherford. Comedy about seven British tourists on holiday in Paris. With Ronald Shiner, Claire Bloom, Claude Dauphin, Laurence Harvey and Jimmy Edwards. Directed by Gordon Parry.
12.10 Film: Uncivil Warriors (1935, b/w) starring the Three Stooges as reluctant American Civil War soldiers. Directed by Del Lord **12.30 Empress Wu.** Episode 29 (of 65).
1.00 Film: Jane Eyre (1944, b/w) starring Joan Fontaine and Orson Welles. Charlotte Bronte's classic tale of love, madness and cruelty in Victorian Yorkshire. Directed by Robert Stevenson.
2.45 The Doodle Film (r).
3.00 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket and the Curragh. The **3.05, 3.35, 4.10** and **4.40** races from Newmarket; and the Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh at **3.50.**
5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. Axeing snooker; and the part viewers' opinion will play in the Broadcasting Standards Council
6.30 News summary and weather followed by **People Get Ready.** Gospel music series.
7.30 Work Isn't Finished. A repeat of the documentary about Lord Fenner Brockway who died last month.
8.30 Amen. Comedy series about feuding within an inner-city Philadelphia church.
9.00 Film on Four Extra: Giro City (1982) starring Glenda Jackson and Jon Finch. Drama about the director and reporter of a television current affairs programme sent to cover municipal corruption in South Wales; and to interview a wanted terrorist leader in Ireland. They face opposition to the transmission of both stories. Directed by Karl Francis.
10.55 Who Dares Wins. Comedy sketches (r).
11.40 After Dark. Anthony Clare chairs an open-ended discussion on human sexuality. Among the guests is psychiatrist Jack Dominion who counsels priests and nuns with sexual difficulties.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm,** then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight.
6.00 Nicky Campbell **8.00** Saturday Breakfast Show with Mike Smith **10.00** Mike Read **1.00** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence: including **2.00-3.00** The Story of Atlantic and **6.30-7.30** Grad Night Concert from Disney World, Florida **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.00-12.00** Mark Goodier **VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00** am As Radio 2 **1.00** pm As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until **1.00pm,** then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00.**
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the 60s with Simon Dee **10.00** Michael Aspel **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00** Pull The Other One (new series) **1.30** Sport on 2 incl Football: England v Scotland, Cricket: England v West Indies. Racing from Newmarket **6.00** Do Bop She Bop **6.30** Double Tops **7.00** Pop Score **7.30** An Evening with Tchaikovsky incl **8.20-8.40** Interval music with the Triangle Balalaika Trio **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Tony Capstick **12.05** Night Owls with Dave Gelly **1.00** Alan Dedicoat presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Personal View 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter From America 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Big Bands — The Singers 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Sportsworld 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Sportsworld 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Sportsworld 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 Play of the Week: Intimate Exchanges 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Squaring the Triangle 9.15 The Music of Weber 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 World News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 New Ideas 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 The Tony Myatt Request Show 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Play of the Week: Intimate Exchanges 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Future Imperfect 2.30 The Ken Bruce Show 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 5.00 World News and Twenty-four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin.

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Offenbach (Overture to La Belle Hélène: Philharmonia under Marriner); Kreisler (Siciliano and Rigaudon: Lola Bobesco, violin, and Wilhelm Hellweg, piano); Canteloube (Là haut, sur le rocher — Songs of the Auvergne, Set 5: ECO under Tate with Kiri Te Kanawa, soprano); Bax (Symphonic Scherzo: RPO under Handley)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert contd: Johann Strauss (son) (Tales from the Vienna Woods, Op 325: Johann Strauss Orchestra of Vienna under Boskovsky); Delius arr Fenby (Late Swallows: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under del Mar); Bizet (Chanson d'Avril: Elly Ameling, soprano, and Rudolf Jansen, piano); José Ferrer (La Danse de Naiades: Simon Wynberg, guitar); Saint-Saëns (The Carnival of the Animals: London Sinfonietta under Dutoit with Pascal Rogé and Cristina Ortiz, pianos)
8.30 News
8.35 Father and Son: Oscar and Eric Shumsky (violin and viola) play Kalliwoda's Two Duos, Op 208 (r)
9.15 The Week on 3: With Simon Milner
9.30 Saturday Review: Includes William Mann comparing various recordings of Mozart's C minor Mass (K 427)
1.00 News
1.05 Taking Issue: Robert Hewison, George Steiner and Chris Dunkley discuss censorship (r)
1.30 Schubert: Melvyn Tann plays Drei Klavierstücke on an 1826 Graf fortepiano (r)
2.00 Joan Sutherland (new series): Edward Greenfield introduces the great Australian soprano's 1964 recording of Bellini's Norma, a two-act tragedy sung in Italian. With the London Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Richard Bonynge
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: With Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: Under review are Howard Barker's *The Possibilities* on Radio 3, Alan Jenkins's poem collection *In the Househouse*; Hayward Gallery's *Angry Penguins* exhibition; and two works by David Williamson — the film *Travelling North* and the play *Emerald City*
6.35 Four Horns: Michael Thompson, John Pigneguy, Richard Watkins, and Robert Maskell play Rossini's Le Rendezvous de chasse; first UK broadcast of Graham Whettam's Quartet; and Nikolai Tcherepnin's Nocturne, Choeur dansé and La Chasse
7.10 The Imperialists: John Keay reflects on the life of Lord Lugard (1858-1945)
7.30 Tippet and Britten: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Atherton, with Margaret Marshall (soprano), Felicity Palmer (mezzo-soprano) and Philip Langridge (tenor) perform Tippett's Symphony No 4 and Britten's Spring Symphony
8.50 The Rape of the Lock: by Alexander Pope. Read by Ronald Pickup (r)
9.50 Trio Sonnerie: Schmelzer's Trio Sonata No 9 in A minor; Biber's Sonata No 3 in F for violin and continuo (1681); Schenk's Suite in A (Scherzi musicali No 27); and Buxtehude's Trio Sonata in B flat, Op 1 No 4 (r)
10.30 A Sphinx Drowning in Shifting Sands: Dr Michael Neve talks to Peter Gay about his recently-published biography of Sigmund Freud
10.50 Bracknell Jazz Festival: Steve Coleman's Five Elements
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News Summary **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News **9.05** Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Bernard Falk with the latest travel and holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Hosted by Ned Sherrin with contributions from Stephen Fry, Carol Thatcher and Emma Freud.
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster
11.30 From our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box: With Louise Botting
12.25 The News Quiz: Barry Took hosts the humorous quiz with Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren, Trevor McDonald and Carol Thatcher (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News **1.10** Any Questions?: Jonathan Dimbleby with William Waldegrave MP, Dr Rod Hackney, Bernie Grant MP and Rowanne Pasco (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Consuming Passions: Sarah Dunant presents the weekly series offering practical advice on modern style, design and living
2.47 Treasure Islands: The children's book programme examines science-fiction publications (r)
3.00 News; After Every Dream: Play by Sam Jacobs. With Lila Kaye and Miriam Karlin (s) (r)
4.30 Science on 4: Peter Evans with the latest discoveries and developments
5.00 On the Outside (new series): Jenny Cuffe talks to four men and women who have found themselves in exile from the world to which they once belonged (1) Sally Trench (r)
5.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (r)
5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Sports Round-up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week: with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday Night-Theatre: The Girl of My Best Friend by Christopher Reason. With Russell Dixon and Michael Maloney (s)
9.15 Music in Mind: Richard Baker presents a selection of words and music (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection led by Eddie Neale (s) **9.59** Weather **10.00** News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: I Haunt the Sunny Streets. Colin Style with a selection of Zimbabwean poetry which shows how it has been affected by the country's stormy history
10.45 Spanish Testament (new series): David Bean follows in the footsteps of George Borrow, who in 1837 undertook the dangerous task of selling Protestant bibles in Catholic Spain (1) Madrid.
11.00 Saturday Night Fry: Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbent and Alison Steadman with the zany comedy show (s)
11.30 Live on Arrival: Comic sketches, stories, songs and satire with Steve Punt, Hugh Dennis, Flip Webster and Guy Jackson (s)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF as above except: 1.55-2.00 pm Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** Not So Long Ago. The Creation of Bangladesh **5.00** Man Masters Nature **5.30** Get By in Greek.

SUNDAY

Coming face to face with his art, Antony Gormley models a sculpture on his own body (Five Sculptors: BBC2, 10.25pm)

CHOICE

● Antony Gormley describes his art as an "antidote to rationalism", something to be felt rather than understood. He is a sculptor who uses as a model his own body. Stripped to the buff, he gets his wife to cover him with plaster and scrim and to the resultant mould (having first, of course, stepped out of it) he adds layers of fibreglass and lead. Gormley offers a self-profile in Five Sculptors (BBC2, 10.25pm), the first of a series to coincide with the opening of the Tate Gallery in Liverpool. Viewers new to him may be more fascinated by his unusual method than the end results, which are often enigmatic. Though his work will be on show in the new Tate he prefers to get out of galleries and museums and into more public places. These include the city walls of Londonderry which are adorned by his striking double image of a man crucified, and the town square of Kassel in West Germany, where his creation will share the space with a 15th-century church. Completing the quintet of sculptors are Bill Woodrow (Monday), Alison Wilding (Wednesday), Richard Wentworth (Thursday) and Anish Kapoor (Friday).

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BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.55 Play School (r).
9.15 Articles of Faith. Baptism in the early Church
9.30 Home on Sunday with Wendy Craig (r). (Ceefax)
10.05 Sunday Worship for Pentecost with the Bristol Christian Fellowship
10.50 A Life of Our Own. A series for people with learning difficulties
11.15 Greek Language and People. Part eight (r)
11.40 In the Know. A guide to successful learning (r). (Ceefax)
11.50 British Sign Language. (Ceefax)
12.05 Sign Extra. The Chelsea Flower Show
12.35 Farming reports from New Zealand **12.58 Weather**
1.00 This Week Next Week examines the prospects of the EETPU and the AEU leaving or being forced to leave the TUC over "No Strike" deals and single union agreements. With Eric Hammond, Bill Jordan and Michael Meacher.
2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Hobson's Choice (1953, b/w) starring John Mills and Charles Laughton. Comedy about a meek and mild man who marries the strong-willed daughter of tyrannical, prosperous bootmaker. Directed by David Lean. (Ceefax)
4.45 Cartoon Double Bill.
5.00 Down to Earth. Pat Kerr, a BA hostess who started an orphanage in Bangladesh (r). (Ceefax)
5.50 The Animals Roadshow includes a visit to the Horse of the Year Show. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Praise Be! with Thora Hird. (Ceefax)
7.15 A Question of Entertainment. Lighthearted showbiz quiz. With Tom O'Connor, Ken Dodd and Larry Grayson. (Ceefax)
7.45 Dear John. Comedy series about an unhappy divorcé (r). (Ceefax)
8.15 One by One. Episode five of the 10-part series based on the *Zoo Vet* books by David Taylor (r). (Ceefax)
9.05 News and weather.
9.20 That's Life! Consumer affairs.
10.05 Everyman: Burma's Forgotten War. The struggle of the Karen.
10.55 Having a Baby. The first of six programmes about pregnancy and after. (Ceefax)
11.25 Shrikant (r).
12.05am Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
1.05 Hawk of the Wilderness (b/w). Episode one of a 12-part vintage thriller (r).
1.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.35, 3.00** and **4.40 Cricket:** the Refuge Assurance League game between Kent and Yorkshire at Canterbury; **2.25, 3.55** and **6.30 Motorcycling:** the ACU British Road Race championships from Carnaby Raceway.
6.40 The Money Programme presented by Brian Widlake and Valerie Singleton. A report on how much profit oil companies are making from petrol retailing in the United Kingdom
7.15 The First Eden. This third of four programmes about the development of the Mediterranean world examines how the growth of trade in medieval times transformed the area (r). (Ceefax)
8.10 75 Golden Years. The first of a series of three programmes from the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show, presented by Peter Seabrook, Roy Lancaster and Janet Ellis. This programme examines the Show's 75 year history, the changes in fashion and world events which affected the Show.
9.00 Theatre Night: What the Butler Saw. Joe Orton's farce starring Tessa Peake-Jones, Dinsdale Landen and Tyler Butterworth. The play is set in a mental home where it is a toss-up as to whether it's the patients or the staff who are the more lunatic. With Timothy West and Bryan Pringle (r).
10.25 Five Sculptors: Antony Gormley. (see Choice)
10.55 Film: Diva (1982) starring Wilhelmina Wiggins Fernandez, Frederic Andrei and Richard Bohringer. Comedy drama about a pirate tape of an American operatic singer who has never made a record that gets mixed up with the confessions of a dead call-girl in which she furnishes information about an international vice-ring. Directed by Jean-Jacques Beineix. Ends at **12.55am.**

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Wake Up London (r). **9.35 The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00 Get Fresh Sunday.** The guests include Eddie Edwards **10.30 Follyfoot** (r).
11.00 Morning Worship from St Chad's, Kidderminster.
12.00 Weekend World. Matthew Parris talks to Douglas Hurd about Britain in the 1990s.
1.00 LWT News and weather **1.05 Police 5 1.15 LWT Action.**
1.20 Link investigating the controversy surrounding the definition of "blind". **1.35 The Smurfs**
2.00 Revelations. Anthony Hopkins talks about his "Road to Damascus" conversion to theism.
2.30 Film: Oklahoma! (1955) starring Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones. Rodgers and Hammerstein musical set against the background of the fight to make Oklahoma a state of the Union. Directed by Fred Zinnemann.
5.00 Survival. Why there are 90 species of antelopes while other African animals are threatened with extinction.
5.30 Jimmy's (r).
6.00 All Clued Up. Game show
6.30 News 6.35 LWT News and weather.
6.40 Appeal by Richard Baker on behalf of the Shaftesbury Society
6.45 Highway. With Sir Harry at Wesley's Chapel in City Road, London
7.15 Family Fortunes with Les Dennis.
7.45 Gentlemen and Players. High finance drama serial. (Oracle)
8.45 Hooperman. San Francisco police series. (Oracle)
9.15 News 9.25 LWT Weather
9.30 Les Girls. Comedy drama about a model agency
10.00 Room at the Bottom. Gunn's cookery programme ends in a shambles. (Oracle)
10.30 Adams in Eden. A profile of American composer John Adams
11.30 The Making of Modern London (r).
12.00 Night Heat. Police drama.
1.00 Night Network Includes the Allman Brothers in concert.
3.00 The Lawless Years (b/w) (r).
3.30 Ben Casey (b/w) (r).
4.30 The Magic Wok. Chinese cuisine.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Teesra Kinara. Episode eight of the 26-part Pakistani drama
9.50 Settlers' Tales. Cameo portraits of first generation Asian immigrants
10.00 The World This Week includes items on India's nationalist problems; frontline states in southern Africa; and the leadership challenge to Hungary's Janos Kadar.
11.00 Tree House. For the young **11.30 Wired.** Pop music (r).
12.30 East of the Moon. Animated fairy stories **1.00 Superchamps** (r). **1.30 Lost in Space** (b/w). Vintage science-fiction adventures.
2.30 Film: Come Back Little Sheba (1952) starring Burt Lancaster and Shirley Booth. Drama about a loveless marriage. Directed by Daniel Mann.
4.15 Washbar and the Wolf. An animated film from Korea.
4.25 Film: A Hundred Years Underground (1961, b/w). A British Rail documentary on the history of London's Underground system.
5.10 News and weather.
5.15 The Business Programme. Is private sector investment a realistic alternative to public funding for inner city regeneration? Plus, should there be more regulation at Lloyd's of London?
6.00 Ice Skating. The Skate Electric International Challenge.
7.00 Challenge to Sport. Archery (r).
7.15 The Storyteller. Dramatized folk tales. (Oracle)
7.45 Dance on Four: Dance-Lines. Step in Time Girls, created by Terry Braun and Yolande Snaith.
8.15 People to People: No Time to Waste. A year in the life of the Sheffield Pensioners Action Group.
9.15 Animal Traffic. Crocodile and reptile skins (Oracle)
10.15 Film: The Sea Shall Not Have Them (1954, b/w) starring Michael Redgrave. Second World War drama about the work of the Air-Sea Rescue service. Directed by Lewis Gilbert.
12.00 Film: Harvest 3,000 Years (1975, b/w). An Ethiopian-made film about a peasant whose land has been taken back by the landowner. Directed by Haile Gerima. Ends at **2.30am.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
6.00 Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Sunday Oldies with Mike Read **3.00** Radio 1 More Time **3.30** Backchat (Liz Kershaw and Ro Newton) **4.00** Chartbusters (Bruno Brookes) **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P. **VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell with Sounds Easy **4.00** Marian Foster **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Roger Royle **9.05** Melodies for You **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport incl Golf: Italian Open; Motor Cycling: Italian Grand Prix at Imola; and Football: Ireland v Poland **6.30** Charlie Chester **7.35** Sir Geraint Evans (new series) **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour **9.00** Your 100 Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Laurie Holloway at the piano **11.00** Tony Russell with Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** David Bellan with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add a hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Jazz for the Asking 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.45 Book Choice 7.50 Waveguide 8.0 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Science in Action 9.45 Squaring the Triangle 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Short Story 10.15 Classical Record Review 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent 11.30 Play of the Week: Intimate Exchanges 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Sports Roundup 1.45 Tony Myatt Request Show 2.30 A Word in Edgways 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Classical Record Review 7.15 Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Short Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 World News 10.09 Future Imperfect 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sport Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter From America 11.30 Israel 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service for Pentecost 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing 1.45 Rhythms of the Sun 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Good Books 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 Letter From America 5.00 World News and 24 Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 From Monteverdi to Mozart: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood (harpsichord/organ) play Purcell's Sonatas (1697 set): No 3 in A minor, No 9 in F, and No 6 in G minor
7.30 News
7.35 Campoli in Concert: The violinist plays Albéniz's Tango, Bazzini's La Ronde des lutins with Norihiko Wada (piano), and Bliss's Violin Concerto with LPO under the composer **8.30** News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Arriaga (Overture to Los esclavos felices: Spanish PO under de Burgos); Biber (Rosary Sonata No 2 in A: Eduard Melkus, violin, Karl Scheit, lute, Gerald Sonneck, viola da gamba); Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E: Academy of St Martin in the Fields under Marriner); Zarzycki (Mazurka: David Oistrakh, violin, and Vladimir Yampolsky, piano); Martinu (Symphony No 5: Czech PO under Vaclav Neumann)
9.45 Music Weekly: Reflections on Thea Musgrave at 60; aspects of Mozart revealed; a talk on piano recitals; and an exploration of songs in Shakespeare
10.30 King's College, Cambridge: Live broadcast by Choir of King's College under Cleobury, with Thomas Trotter (organ). Messiaen's Messe de la Pentecote; Palestrina's Mass and motet: Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes
12.00 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Casadesus conducts Mozart's Symphony No 32 in G (K 318); Ravel's Rapsodie espagnole; Milhaud's Clarinet Concerto; and Berlioz's Overture to Benvenuto Cellini
1.00 Borodin Quartet: Borodin's Quartet No 2 in D; Stravinsky's Three Pieces (1914); Shostakovich's Two Pieces (1931) (r)
2.00 Questions Are Being Asked: Colin Tudge visits London University's Institute of Archaeology (r)
2.25 Beethoven Arrangements: Judith Pearce (flute) and Clifford Benson (piano) play Serenade in D, Op 41 (arranged from Serenade, Op 25)
2.55 Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Leonard Slatkin conducts Irving Fine's Notturno; Bruch's Scottish Fantasia, Op 46; and Nielsen's Symphony No 5, Op 50
4.15 Brittle Language (r)
4.35 Celebrity Recital: Pianist Emil Gilels plays Scriabin's Sonata No 3 in F sharp and Five Preludes, Op 74; Prokofiev's Sonata No 3 in A minor; and Beethoven's Sonata in B flat, Op 106 (Hammerklavier). Includes **5.15** Interval reading (r)
6.15 The Second Creation: Colin Tudge examines the ecological damage done to Australia by man
7.00 Voices on the Air: London Sinfonietta Chorus and Voices under Terry Edwards perform Simon Bainbridge's A Cappella; Takemitsu's Wind Horse; Param Vir's Brahma Vishnu Shiva; Peter Maxwell Davies's Westerlings; and Philip Glass's Company. (**7.45** Talk by Param Vir)
8.50 BBC Concert Orchestra: Jiri Starke conducts Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No 1; Dvorak's Czech Suite Op 39
9.35 Melos Quartet of Stuttgart: Beethoven's String Quartet in B flat, Op 130
10.30 Choral Evensong: From Guildford Cathedral
11.30 Birthday Serenades by Wagner: Philharmonia under Klemperer with Christa Ludwig (mezzo-soprano) perform Träume (Wesendonk Lieder) and Siegfried Idyll
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World **7.40** Sunday: incl **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause: Sir John Wilson speaks on behalf of IMPAC Foundation **8.55** Weather
9.00 News **9.10** Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke **9.30** Morning Service
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand: David Walker reviews the week's papers
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is Anita Roddick, founder of the Body Shop (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: From Cheshire's Malpas Horticultural Society
2.30 The Real Mystery of Marie Roget: Play by Peter Mackie. With Ed Bishop (s)
3.30 Revolutions in Sound: Robin Ray celebrates 100 years of the gramophone (s)
4.00 Whatever Happened to Methodism? Rosemary Hartill goes in search of the roots of Methodism and compares them with the Church today
4.47 Taking Stock: Five forays beyond the farm gate with Phil Smith (2) A Chicken and Egg Situation (r)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Peter Skellern visits the Cornish port of Fowey **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News **6.15** Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments about the BBC (r)
6.30 International Assignment
7.00 News; The Best of Times — The Worst of Times: (6) The life of Charles Dickens as reflected in his writings and the words of his family and friends. With Martin Jarvis
7.40 Musical Landscapes: David Willmott introduces music inspired by areas of Britain (6) East Anglia (s)
8.00 Bookshelf (r)
8.30 A Word in Edgeways: Brian Redhead with guests Anne Kelleher, Gerald Priestland and Nick Raynsford discuss temptation
9.00 News: Time to Talk: Harry Soan reflects on 40 years as an occasional broadcaster (2 of 4)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00** News
10.15 The Twice-Promised Land: (2 of 3) Tudor Parfitt examines the top two founding traditions in Israel — liberalism and religious attachment to the Holy Land — and asks which has been the strongest survivor (r)
11.00 In Committee: News from Parliament's select committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Sylvia Sands reflects on her experience as the leader of a reconciliation group in Belfast (s) (2 of 3)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: 7.00-8.00am Open University **7.00** Maths: Into the 90s **7.20** The Autonomy of the State **7.40** Technology: The Oil Game **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options: **4.00** Community Matters (new series) **4.30** Education Matters (new series) **5.00** Modern European Authors: Jean-Paul Sartre **5.30** Language Extra **5.45** Ganz spontan!

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Anger at RAF's grounded jets

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Sir Michael Quinlan, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, will be asked by a senior Commons committee next week to explain why 14 little-used RAF Tornado aircraft worth about £250 million are sitting in storage in Wales.

The defence select committee has agreed to investigate after a request by Mr Brian Wilson, Labour MP for Cunninghame North, who yesterday described the position as a scandalous waste of money.

The Tornado F2s, each worth £17.5 million, were part of a batch of 18 delivered to the RAF by British Aerospace from May 1985 for use by the Operational Conversion Unit, a training squadron based at RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire.

The first ones are believed to have gone into storage at RAF St Athan, near Cardiff, less than a year later as BAe began producing the more sophisticated F3s.

Mr Wilson unearthed the facts in conjunction with the armament and disarmament information unit of Sussex University.

In response to a written parliamentary question in April Mr Ian Stewart, Minister of the State for the Armed Forces, told him: "Current plans are for all 18 original F2s to be updated early in the next decade to a standard similiar to that of the F3s. Whilst awaiting this upgrading 14 are in storage in RAF St Athan."

A MoD spokesman said yesterday that another reason was that BAe was producing new F3 jet fighters faster than the RAF could train pilots and navigators to fly them.

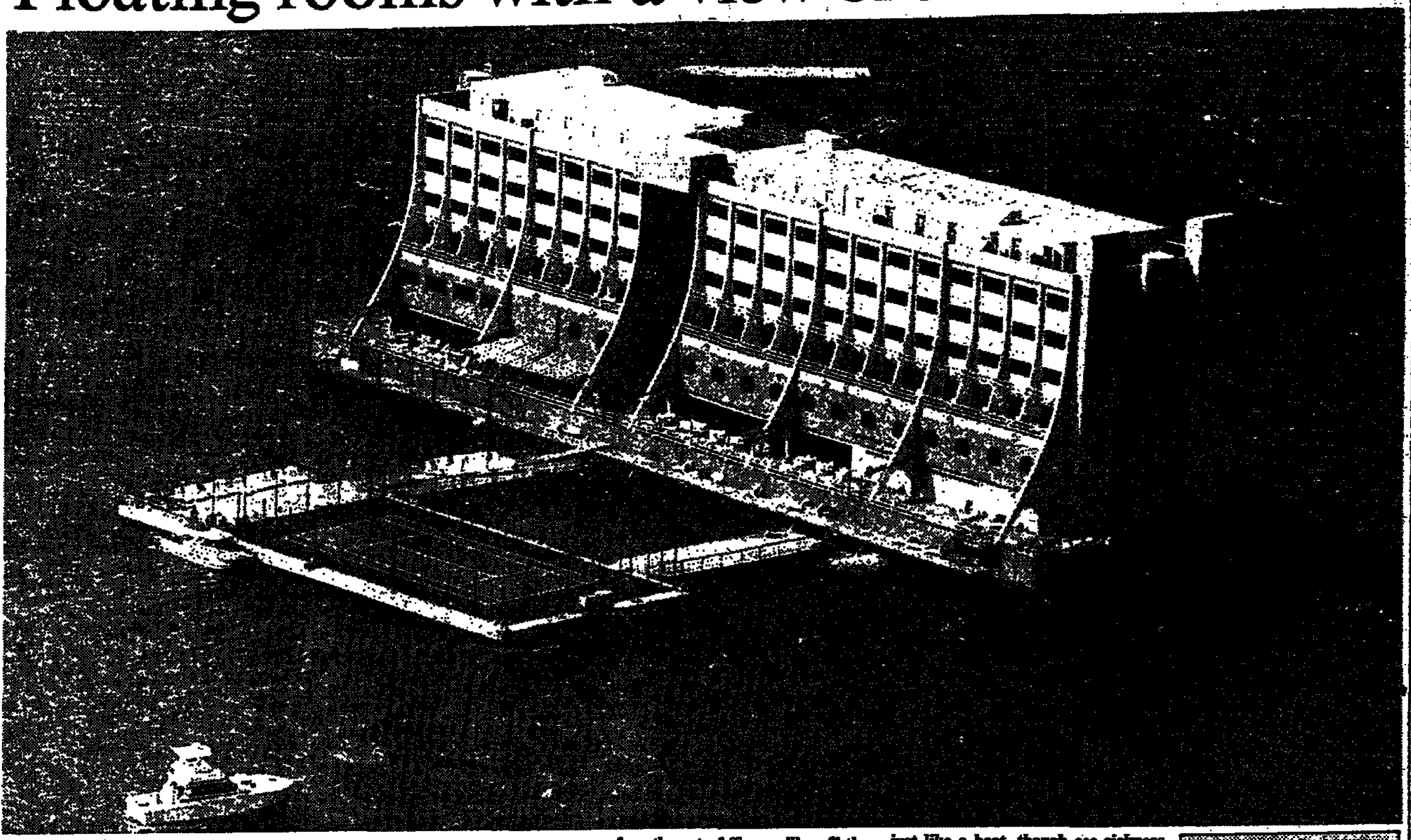
Mr Wilson passed the information to the defence select committee and has received a letter from Mr Michael Mates, the Conservative chairman, saying: "You are quite right in thinking it will be something my committee will be interested in".

He said the committee would ask Sir Michael for an explanation this Wednesday and if it was not satisfied it would include the matter in its forthcoming report on the defence White Paper.

The MoD plans to have 165 Tornado air defence fighters in service by the end of 1990.

Mr Wilson commented: "At a time when there is still a lot of hype going on about the need to increase Britain's air defence against a hypothetical Soviet threat, the fact is that planes bought specifically to meet that threat are lying rusting in a hangar in Wales."

Floating rooms with a view of the Barrier Reef



From Christopher Morris
Great Barrier Reef, Australia

Forty miles out to sea may seem an odd location for a man-made fantasy island but here in the translucent waters of a coral reef is moored the world's first floating hotel.

It is a controversial multi-million pound project, intended to be the forerunner of many more such structures which will soon be bobbing on the ocean waves from Acapulco to Florida and the Mediterranean. The floating hotel has been variously described as a cruise liner with nowhere to go and an upmarket oil rig. And that essentially is what it is.

The Four Seasons Barrier Reef Resort was built by an oil-rig construction company in Singapore. It was then transported by sea on a special "heavy lift" supertanker for a 3,000-mile voyage through the narrow straits and coral seas of South-East Asia to the reef north-east of Townsville, off the Queensland coast.

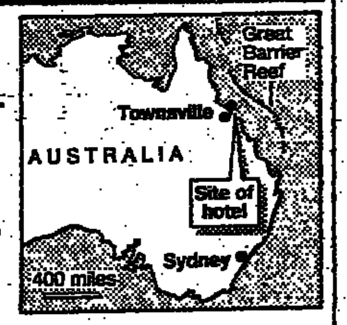
Every room overlooks the Great Barrier Reef, one of the great natural wonders of the world, but guests are not allowed to fish from their bedroom windows. There is an extensive and protected fish life in the lagoon, with more than 1,500 species including the reef shark, which is harmless, along with giant clams and Moray eels.

***The hotel itself moves on the swell* just like a boat, though sea-sickness pills are hardly necessary.**

The rooms cost from £132 a double per night to £256 for an executive suite.

Isolated though it is, there are plenty of activities on offer, including windsurfing, deep-sea game fishing trips, snorkelling and scuba diving.

The hotel has three restaurants, two bars, sauna, library, gymnasium and disco and can accommodate up to 400 guests. *(Photograph: Brendan Beirne)*



US shift breathes new life into Start

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remarks by Colonel-General Nikolai Chervov, a senior Soviet arms control negotiator, in an interview with the *Washington Post* on Thursday. He said that the US appeared to be moving away from its demand for a ban on the missiles and that a Start agreement looked closer.

The development narrows the gap between the two sides to two main issues: Moscow's demands for tight restrictions on President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, and its wish to include sea-launched cruise missiles in the treaty.

There will now be hopes that the two leaders will try to bridge the gap in Moscow. There would still be time for the Geneva negotiators to produce a treaty to be signed at a fifth Reagan-Gorbachov summit before the American election in November.

But with the star wars issue still looking as intractable as ever, few diplomats expect a breakthrough. The two sides are preparing to fall back on more modest achievements in Moscow. They will draw up a document recording what Mr Shultz described yesterday as "the very substantial progress made on Start".

President Reagan's key hope is that he will be able to exchange ratification instruments on the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty with Mr Gorbachov. But it is still unclear whether the US Senate will ratify it in time.

Either way, both sides know that it will take something extra to convince public opinion that the improvement in US-Soviet relations is not slowing down. Several small agreements could help to sustain the momentum.

Mr Shultz hopes that work on a protocol covering verification of the treaty on underground nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes will be ready in time.

Though President Ford and Mr Leonid Brezhnev signed the treaty in 1976 it was never ratified.

Secondly, President Reagan's proposal in March 1986 that the superpowers should agree to on-site monitoring of nuclear tests, using a new method of measuring yields, may come to agreement at Moscow. The two sides have narrowed down the area of disagreement in a 160-page text to a few items in three of its 36 annexes.

Mr Shultz also hopes for an agreement that each time either side tests a warhead it will notify the other. "It would not be a big deal, but it would be an additional confidence-building measure," he said.

Conventional arms reductions could emerge as another important theme of the summit. Washington has received hints that Mr Gorbachov may offer to withdraw substantial numbers of troops from Central Europe this year.

"There is a very large asymmetry of Warsaw Pact troops compared with Nato troops. They could do a lot of reduction and still not come down to an equal level. The sooner they get started the better, and if they do something unilaterally that would be welcome," Mr Shultz said.

President Reagan also hopes to discuss regional conflicts, as well as the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Leaders order attack on Ashdown to stop

Continued from page 1

ing about his alleged equivocation on defence policy.

It accuses him of being a loner and a poor communicator, of being a poor debater, of lacking a sense of humour and of lack of political and party experience. On most points Mr Beith is favourably compared.

In a joint statement yesterday, Mrs Williams and Mr Slade, who are acting as returning officers for the election, ordered that circulation of the document should cease immediately.

"SLD members who engage in personal attacks or scurrilous propaganda during the election for our new leader and president injure their party and do the people they claim to support no good at all," they said.

Mr Steel said the document fell below acceptable standards and that he very much regretted it.

Mr Ashdown himself said he was determined that the election should be fought on policy issues, not personalities. He said that the perpetrators of the document had shown "poor judgement" and suggested they concentrated in future on promoting Mr Beith's "first class abilities".

Mr Des Wilson, the former Liberal president, warned that "this kind of discrediting campaign will simply destroy the new party before it's moving."

Voting by the new party's 60,000 members takes place in July.

Israelis thwarted by 'home guards'

From Ian Murray
Arura, occupied West Bank

Six rough dry-stone pens on the hilltop of Ein Jinnes behind this remote village look just about big enough to hold a sheep. But Hassan Abed Al-Rahman, aged 22, pointed to the blood on the rocks in one of them and said it was his own. He had been put there, he said, by Israeli soldiers, who caught him on the hillside on Wednesday morning and then buried him chest deep under rocks in the specially built enclosure.

He can walk and run but two others who say they shared adjoining pens with him, Mohammed Awad, aged 22 and Mohammed Zaid, aged 29, are so bruised and battered that they still cannot stand.

Arura has been protected by a well-organized system of guards who, on a rota, keep watch on the two hilly roads which are the only ways in. By using a prearranged system of whistles and special door knocks they alert all the young men of the village any time a large army unit is seen approaching. The young men run off over the mountains, leaving nobody of stone-throwing age to arrest when the troops arrive.

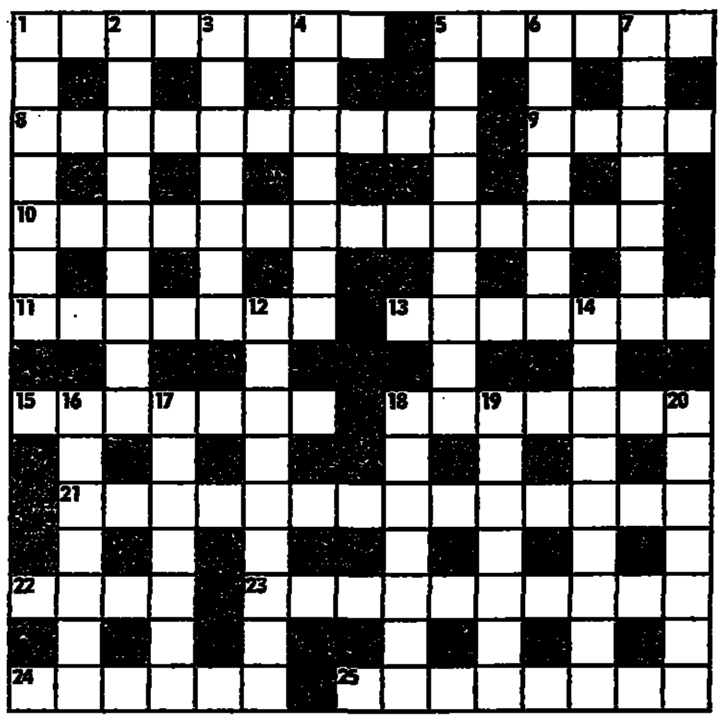
Troops managed to encircle the town during Tuesday night and just after midnight villagers say some 40 vehicles swept in, backed with two bulldozers and a mechanized gravel thrower. Mr Usama Mahmoud, the village muezzin, said 20 were arrested of whom seven had to be treated in hospital. Four are still being held.

Hassan al-Rahman said he was caught when he met someone on the hillside who told him in Arabic he could avoid the soldiers by following a path which led him into an ambush of 20 men.

Other young people rounded up showed marks of beatings. Among those arrested was Mr Anwar Shehadeh, aged 41. He described being beaten and tied with others and made to lie on his belly for hours in the village square, being moved into the sun every time the shadows crept across them. He said his 16-year-old son Ahab, who is still under arrest, lost consciousness after being hit on the head with a pair of pliers and having cigarettes stubbed out on his bare skin.

Others said they were made to sing in unison that Muhammad had died leaving only women as heirs and to chant obscenities about Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman. They were also ordered to praise the Golani Brigade, Israels most prestigious infantry regiment, which is currently based in this region.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,675



ACROSS

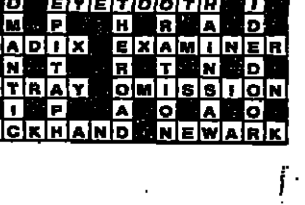
1 David and Sam split difference (8).
5 Condiment cut by skipper (6).
8 By river, a number cultivate a plant (10).
9 Central European pearl collection (4).
10 Investor in music business watching all one's acts? (9,5).
11 Replace fruit out of tin with a vegetable (7).
13 Clean habits perhaps getting Californian city down (7).
15 Lexicographer's tea-makers (7).
18 One's embracing bowler, perhaps, as bosom pal (7).
21 Receivers admit pearls etc, mostly reset, need fake guarantees (5,9).
22 Take hat round beach near Venice (4).
23 Instrument the orchestra leader toiled to adjust (10).
24 Devious move before close of play (6).
25 Put money back into check garment (8).

DOWN

1 Mix up spray for aquatic plant (7).
2 Grotesque contour in rock formation (9).
3 It's not important about island (7).
4 Smart and fashionable inside? Contemptible (7).
5 Vehicle for Semite in accident, almost (9).
6 Pattern from quiet part of Spain (7).
7 Rebuff concerning seeds (7).
12 Find fault with something in log, working with wood (9).
14 For example, French force's member (9).
16 Service on course is vulgar (7).
17 Rich source no longer available (4,3).
18 A partnership not everyone found dreadful (7).
19 Weeding stopped, apparently, for this dance (3-4).
20 Upsets constituents about Conservative? It's doubtful (7).

Concise crossword, page 21

Solution to Puzzle No 17,669



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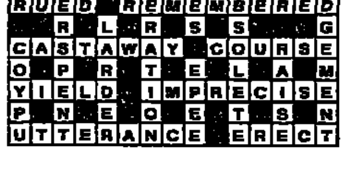

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MANCANDO
a. Practicable
b. Fading away
c. A banana profiterole

FLATULOPEPTIC
a. Pompous
b. Fizzy and bubbling
c. A plain diet

EBBERMAN
a. A puny weakling
b. A German secretary
c. A fisherman

TUBICINATE
a. To blow one's trumpet
b. Tuba-shaped
c. Trumpet-tongued

Answers on page 22, column 1

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A prize of a distinctive Sheaffer "Targa" Regency Stripe fountain pen with a solid 14-carat gold inlaid nib will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

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WEATHER

Nearly all areas will enjoy fine, dry weather with an anticyclone covering Britain. Bright sunshine will raise temperatures rapidly after a frosty start and with light winds it should feel quite warm by afternoon. Some patchy cloud will develop, especially in eastern areas, where it could give an isolated shower. Cloud preventing frost in northern Scotland should decrease during the day. Outlook: similar.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	f	Madrid	22	72	f
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Majorca	23	73	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Algiers	24	75	s	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	12	54	f	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Athens	26	79	s	Miami*	27	81	r
Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	21	70	s
Barbads*	31	88	f	Montreal*	18	64	c
Barcelna	21	70	s	Moscow	19	66	c
Belgrade	22	72	c	Nairobi	22	72	c
Berlin	13	55	c	Naples	22	72	s
Bermuda*	25	77	c	N Delhi	36	97	s
Biarritz	16	61	f	N York*	15	59	c
Borde'x	17	63	f	Nice	19	66	s
Brussels	12	54	f	Oslo	14	57	f
Budapst	22	72	c	Paris	12	54	f
B Aires*	17	63	s	Peking	20	68	r
Cairo	34	93	s	Perth	17	63	r
Cape Tn	18	64	f	Rhodes	24	75	s
C'blanca	21	70	s	Rio de J	24	75	s
Chicago*	23	73	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
Ch'church	5	41	c	Rome	22	72	s
C'phagn	8	46	r	Salzburg	13	55	r
Corfu	25	77	s	S Frisco*	22	72	s
Dublin	13	55	f	S Paulo*	25	77	f
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Seoul	31	88	s
Faro	22	72	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	12	54	c	St'kholm	15	59	s
Funchal	22	72	f	Strasb'rg	13	55	c
Geneva	14	57	c	Sydney	19	66	f
Gibraltar	20	68	s	Tangier	24	75	s
Helsinki	15	59	s	Tel aviv	27	81	s
Hong K	31	88	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Innsbrck	15	59	c	Tokyo	28	82	f
Istanbul	28	82	s	Toronto*	15	59	r
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tunis	25	77	f
Jo'burg*	18	64	f	Valencia	22	72	s
L Palmas	21	70	s	Vanc'ver*	13	55	f
Le Tquet	12	54	f	Vienna	20	68	f
Lisbon	21	70	s	Warsaw	19	66	s
Locarno	20	68	c	Wash'ton*	21	70	r
L Angels*	21	70	s	Wel'nton	9	48	d
Luxembg	10	50	c	Zurich	14	57	c

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	6.6	-	11	52	sunny
Bridlington	5.3	-	12	54	sunny
Hunstanton	12.5	.01	15	59	sunny
Cromer	7.0	-	13	55	sunny
Lowestoft	4.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Clacton	7.8	-	14	57	sunny
Southend	*	-	15	59	sunny
Margate	11.8	.01	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	10.2	-	13	55	sunny
Hastings	11.5	-	13	55	sunny
Eastbourne	12.4	-	14	57	sunny
Brighton	12.3	-	13	55	sunny
Worthing	12.0	-	13	55	sunny
Littlehmptn	10.2	-	14	57	sunny
Bognor R	11.4	-	14	57	sunny
Southsea	10.8	-	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	10.5	-	14	57	sunny
Bournemth	8.3	-	15	59	sunny
Poole	9.1	-	16	61	bright
Swanage	11.9	-	15	59	sunny
Weymouth	11.6	-	15	59	sunny
Exmouth	12.3	-	14	57	sunny
Teignmouth	10.8	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	10.8	-	15	59	sunny
Falmouth	10.7	-	13	55	sunny
Penzance	3.9	-	16	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	14.0	-	16	61	sunny
Newquay	13.9	-	15	59	sunny
Minehead	12.7	-	15	59	sunny
Morecambe	13.4	-	13	55	sunny
Douglas	*	-	12	54	sunny
Carlisle	8.7	-	13	55	sunny
Nottingham	11.1	-	15	59	sunny
Anglesey	9.7	-	14	57	sunny
Colwyn Bay	11.7	-	11	52	sunny
Tenby	9.6	-	15	59	sunny
Aberdeen	8.2	-	15	59	bright
Aviemore	7.1	-	13	55	bright
Kinloss	11.8	-	15	59	sunny
Lerwick	4.8	.08	9	48	rain
Prestwick	11.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Stornoway	1.7	.02	13	55	shower
Tiree	7.9	.02	12	54	shower
Wick	4.6	-	12	54	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.05	6.5	6.11	6.2	London Bridge	6.47	6.3	6.50	6.0
Aberdeen	5.20	3.7	6.13	3.4	Aberdeen	6.05	3.5	7.07	3.3
Avonmouth	11.24	10.5	11.31	10.5	Avonmouth	—	—	12.02	9.9
Belfast	3.16	3.3	3.54	2.9	Belfast	4.05	3.2	4.48	2.8
Cardiff	11.09	9.8	11.16	9.8	Cardiff	11.47	9.3	11.57	9.4
Devonport	9.56	4.4	10.05	4.7	Devonport	10.38	4.3	10.48	4.5
Dover	3.04	5.7	3.29	5.8	Dover	3.50	5.4	4.18	5.6
Falmouth	9.26	4.2	9.35	4.5	Falmouth	10.06	4.1	10.16	4.3
Glasgow	4.27	4.8	5.22	4.1	Glasgow	5.06	4.7	6.09	3.9
Harwich	3.58	3.5	4.05	3.4	Harwich	4.41	3.4	4.46	3.3
Holyhead	2.21	4.9	2.59	4.5	Holyhead	3.08	4.7	3.53	4.3
Hull	10.27	6.4	11.12	5.9	Hull	11.07	6.1	11.58	5.6
Ilfracombe	10.16	7.4	10.31	7.5	Ilfracombe	10.59	7.0	11.19	7.1
Leith	6.55	4.7	7.30	4.6	Leith	7.43	4.5	8.20	4.4
Liverpool	3.11	8.2	3.42	7.8	Liverpool	3.56	7.8	4.32	7.4
Lowestoft	1.56	2.1	1.36	2.2	Lowestoft	2.54	2.0	2.21	2.2
Margate	4.12	4.3	4.15	4.2	Margate	4.57	4.1	4.59	4.1
Milford Haven	10.31	5.6	10.48	5.8	Milford Haven	11.16	5.3	11.37	5.5
Newquay	9.25	5.7	9.42	5.8	Newquay	10.12	5.4	10.34	5.5
Oban	9.59	3.0	9.59	3.2	Oban	10.57	2.9	11.00	3.0
Penzance	9.03	4.4	9.12	4.7	Penzance	9.48	4.3	9.59	4.5
Portland	10.58	1.4	10.57	1.6	Portland	11.36	1.2	11.32	1.5
Portsmouth	3.18	4.1	4.03	4.1	Portsmouth	4.02	3.9	4.53	4.0
Shoreham	2.55	5.4	3.38	5.4	Shoreham	3.41	5.0	4.25	5.1
Southampton	2.54	3.8	3.38	3.8	Southampton	3.41	3.7	4.34	3.7
Swansea	10.36	7.9	10.52	7.9	Swansea	11.21	7.5	11.42	7.5
Tees	7.56	4.7	8.37	4.4	Tees	8.44	4.5	9.30	4.2
W'ton-on-Nze	3.58	3.7	4.04	3.6	W'ton-on-Nze	4.42	3.6	4.48	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

TODAY
Sun rises: 5.00 am
Sun sets: 8.55 pm
Moon sets: 1.34 am
Moon rises: 9.31 am
First quarter May 23

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 4.59 am
Sun sets: 8.56 pm
Moon sets: 1.54 am
Moon rises: 10.46 pm
First quarter tomorrow

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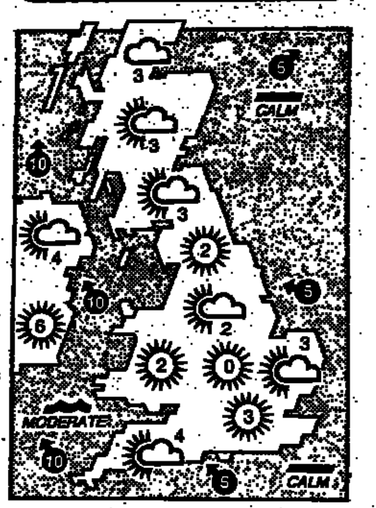

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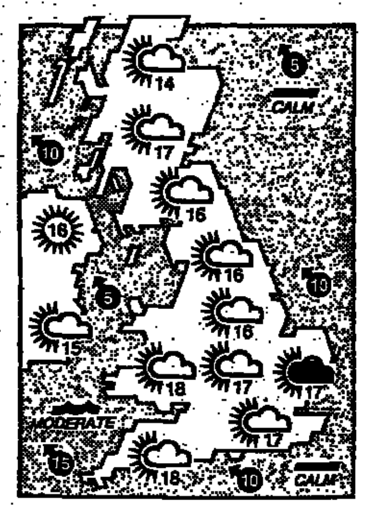


LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 9.25 pm to 4.29 am
Bristol 9.34 pm to 4.39 am
Edinburgh 10.00 pm to 4.18 am
Manchester 9.43 pm to 4.28 am
Penzance 9.40 pm to 4.57 am

TOMORROW
London 9.26 pm to 4.28 am
Bristol 9.35 pm to 4.38 am
Edinburgh 10.02 pm to 4.17 am
Manchester 9.44 pm to 4.26 am
Penzance 9.42 pm to 4.56 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly and Littlehampton, West Sussex, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Mumbles, West Glamorgan, 0.35in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Strathclyde, 13.7hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 10.30am and 6pm.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	c	Guernsey	11	52	s
B'rmgham	13	55	c	Inverness	13	55	f
Blackpool	12	54	f	Jersey	14	57	f
Bristol	14	57	f	London	14	57	f
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'nchstr	12	54	c
Edinburgh	12	54	f	Newcastle	12	54	f
Glasgow	13	55	f	R'nldsway	12	54	f

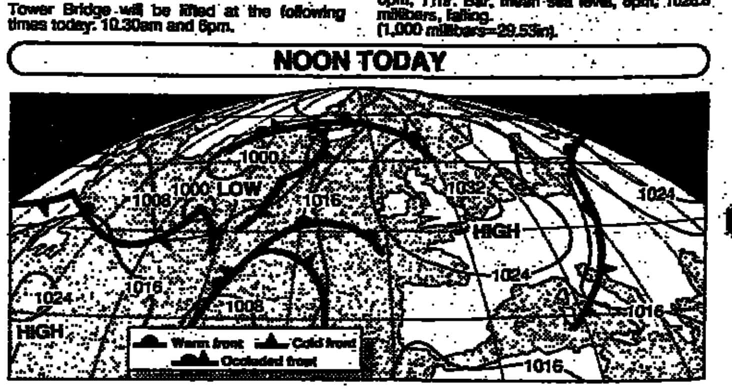
MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 10.1hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6pm, 43 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1026.6 millibars, falling.
(1,000 millibars=29.53in).

NOON TODAY



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THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.475	2.345	Italy Lira	2430	2320
Austria Sch	23.20	22.00	Japan Yen	243	231
Belgium Fr	69.00	65.60	Netherlands Gld	3.67	3.50
Canada $	2.41	2.29	Norway Kr	11.98	11.38
Denmark Kr	12.54	11.94	Portugal Esc	266.50	253.50
Finland Mkk	7.82	7.42	South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
France Fr	11.12	10.57	Spain Pta	217	206
Germany Dm	3.285	3.125	Sweden Kr	11.44	10.89
Greece Dr	261	246	Switzerland Fr	2.74	2.61
Hong Kong $	15.05	14.30	USA $	1.94	1.85
Ireland Pt	1.23	1.17	Yugoslavia Dnr	3825	2825

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 105.8 (April)   London: The FT index closed up 7.1 at 1415.2.

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1415.2 (+7.1)	US dollar 1.8635 (−0.0030)
FT-SE 100 1770.2 (+9.6)	W German mark 3.1717 (−0.0014)
USM (Datastream) 154.84 (+0.78)	Trade-weighted 78.3 (−0.1)

THE TIMES

SATURDAY MAY 21 1988

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

BP may drop US venture

British Petroleum's $250 million (£135 million) tender offer for Lear Petroleum, the US gas transmission company, is running into difficulties.

Only a small proportion of the stockholders in the company have accepted the offer, and BP is now threatening to pull out of the deal unless it is settled quickly.

For the deal to move forward, BP needs acceptances from two-thirds of the preference shareholders, a majority of the ordinary shareholders, and from holders of $100 million of the $234 million of loan stock.

BP has offered the three classes of loan stockholder between 65 cents and 82 cents in the dollar for their stock.

Plant closures by Chloride

Chloride Group is closing down its four plants in the power supply industry at Wolverhampton, which employs 150; Market Drayton, Shropshire, 80; Abingdon, Oxfordshire, 30; and Harlow, Essex, 50.

It is transferring the work to a single plant at Peterborough.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1960.21 (+1.49)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27393.85 (+20.61)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2491.24 (−15.52)
Amsterdam: Gen	240.7 (+1.7)
Sydney: AO	1455.7 (+13.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1327.4 (+13.3)
Brussels:	
General	4844.3 (−6.9)
Paris: CAC	310.9 (+3.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	436.6 (+1.4)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	915.16 (+5.48)
FT.— "500"	1000.80 (+5.77)
FT. Gold Mines	203.1 (+2.2)
FT. Fixed interest	98.38 (+0.25)
FT. Govt Secs	90.12 (+0.15)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Hawker Siddeley	522½p (+14p)
Body Shop	540p (+15p)
Ruberoid	209½p (+17p)
BICC	326½p (+11p)
Hunting Group	180p (+12p)
Parrish	195p (+15p)
Gordon Russell	285p (+10p)
Wellcome	529½p (+16p)
Lasmo	420p (+11p)
Carlton Comm	777½p (+18p)
W Low	660p (+24p)
J Fisher	142½p (+20p)
Helical Bar	297½p (+13p)
Priest Marians	328p (+18p)
FALLS:	
Schroders	875p (−25p)
Brown Shipley	365p (−10p)
MAM	295p (−10p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	675p (−13p)
Berkeley Govett	175p (−10p)
Int Thomson	565p (−10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	29713

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 7½%
3-month Interbank 7⅝-7 11/16%
3-month eligible bills: 7⅝-7 11/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7 1/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.24-6.22%*
30-year bonds 98 7/32-98¼*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8635	£: $1.8617*
£: DM3.1717	$: DM1.7032*
£: SwFr2.6443	$: SwFr1.4195*
£: FFr10.7151	$: FFr5.7570*
£: Yen232.56	$: Yen124.82*
£: Index:78.3	$: Index:93.3
ECU £0.656164	SDR £0.736504

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $456.50 pm-$454.90
close $455.25-455.75 (£244.50-245.00)
New York:
Comex $455.00-455.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $16.65bbl ($16.51)
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Tesco backs Rowntree in bid battle

By Colin Campbell

Tesco, the retail chain headed by Mr Ian MacLaurin, yesterday threw its weight behind Rowntree in its fight against the hostile £2.1 billion bid from the Swiss chocolate group Nestlé.

Mr MacLaurin, in a letter to Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, urged that Rowntree should remain independent. "I fear that if a bid is allowed to go through, then the great British public could well suffer."

The Tesco chairman said he felt quite strongly that nothing should be allowed to happen that could affect the supplies of Rowntree merchandise to customers.

"The Rowntree organization for very many years has dedicated itself to serving major multiples and the British public at large.

"The same cannot be said for Nestlé, whose representations to the trade in no way approach those of the Rowntree company."

"From a Tesco point of view, I would much prefer Rowntree to remain independent," Mr MacLaurin told Lord Young. Lobbying of the Government by politicians and business leaders is likely to be stepped up as the Government prepares to give its own opinion. The Institute of Directors and the Confederation of British Industry, though with strongly opposing points on the Rowntree situation, have gone public on the issue, and representations to help save Rowntree from Swiss hands have been made to various EEC authorities.

The Mayor of York has lobbied against Nestlé in Switzerland, and Mr Richard Dixon, Rowntree's chairman, has been seeking support for his case in Strasbourg and Brussels.

There have also been mass rallies by Rowntree supporters and various public demonstrations demanding that Rowntree should remain British.

The Government is under pressure from the City and others to rule as soon as possible. It could therefore be ready to pronounce on whether Nestlé's bid should be referred to the Monopolies Commission by mid-week.

The Office of Fair Trading said late yesterday afternoon that, contrary to some suggestions, Sir Gordon Borrie's findings had not yet been sent to Lord Young.

Sir Gordon's original timetable, that he would reply to Lord Young within two weeks, expires on Wednesday.

However, pressure is mounting for the Government to speak before Parliament rises for the Whitsun recess on Friday.

Rowntree shares were actively traded in the market, where an above-average 2 million shares changed hands, with Nestlé a buyer of an additional 1 million shares, though the Rowntree price was unchanged at 905p on the day.

Meanwhile it is suggested that the percentage of private shareholders on the Rowntree share register has fallen from an original 25 per cent to between 7 and 10 per cent.

Nestlé has edged it holding just above the 15 per cent mark, while its rival, Jacobs Suchard, owns 29.9 per cent. Suchard's formal position remains "we are considering all our options".

Though Rowntree has yet to reply to Nestlé's formal offer document, and though it is still well within the three weeks reply timetable, Rowntree is said to be ready to issue its defence document as soon as Lord Young has spoken on the bid and the air has been cleared.

Three-year store building programme to cost £1bn

By Alison Eadie

Tesco is spending £1 billion on new stores over the next three years, Mr Ian MacLaurin, the chairman, revealed at the annual meeting yesterday.

A total of 16 new stores, with an average size of 25,000 square feet, will be opened this year, compared with 17 last year, and similar numbers will be opened over the next two years.

Mr MacLaurin underlined the group's commitment to investment, while rebutting allegations of the misuse of retail strength.

He agreed that retailers were now much stronger, but that it was obvious that the consumer had never been better served.

"Although the number of food stores has declined in recent years Tesco and other major multiple retailers are now investing more than ever before in new stores," he said. "The consumer benefits greatly from these large, modern stores, which offer vast product ranges and improved shopping facilities."

Tesco's rival, J Sainsbury, is also spending heavily on new stores, and expects capital expenditure to reach £500 million this year, against £450 million last year.

It intends to open an average of 20 new stores a year over the next three years.

The greater availability of good sites for superstores, especially in the South-east, has encouraged the big multiples to accelerate their new-store-opening programmes.

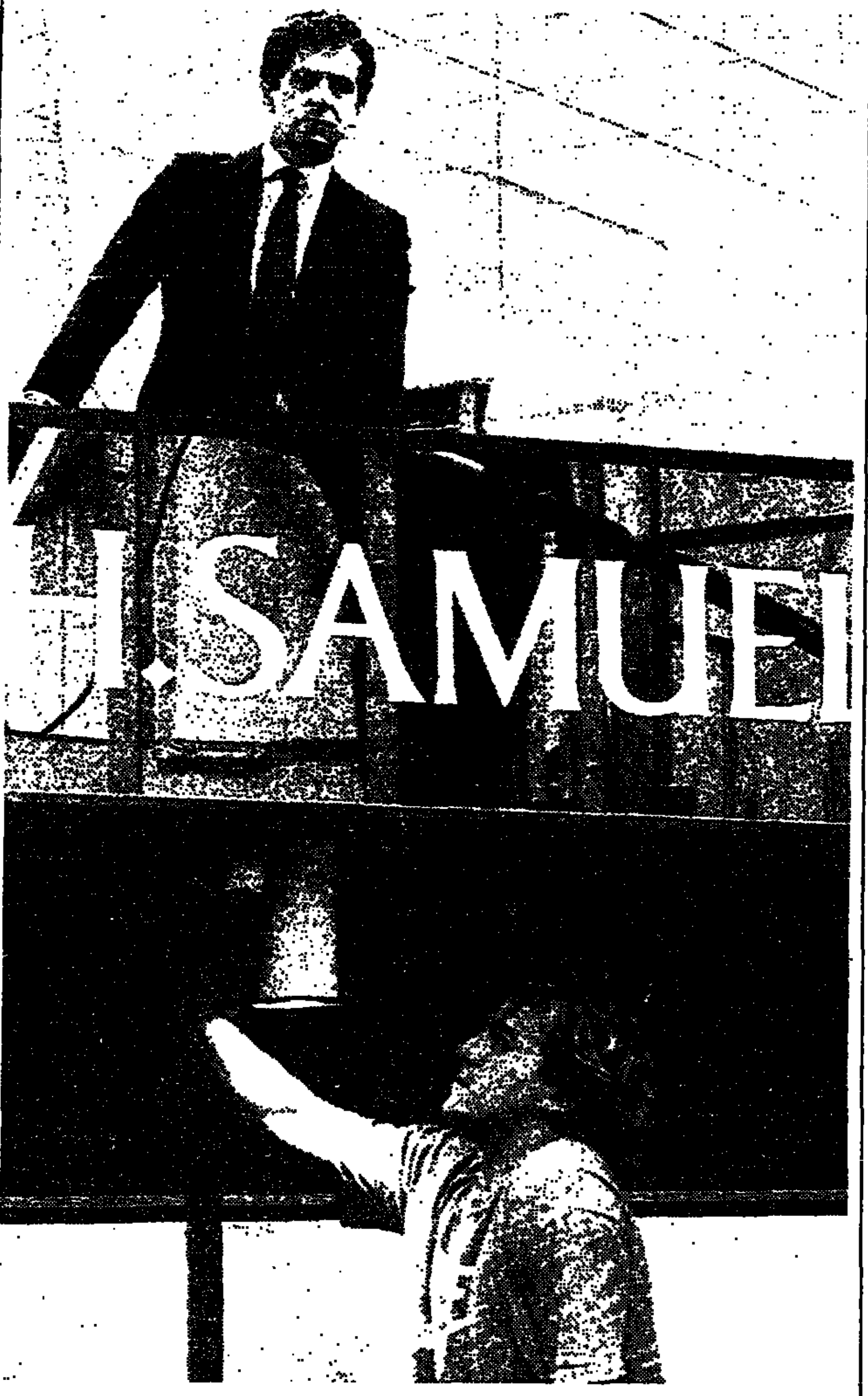
After a prolonged period of difficulty in gaining planning permission, retailers are now finding local authorities more receptive to superstore development. Prices of sites have also stabilized in the past 12 to 18 months, after a period of sharply rising prices.

Mr Keith Wills, the food retailing analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, said he had no fears of superstore development reaching saturation point. He pointed out that both Tesco and J Sainsbury were attacking new retail areas such as fresh foods and toiletries, where they were experiencing rapid growth.

Mr MacLaurin said Tesco was also investing heavily in electronic point of sale equipment, branch computing and composite distribution. He said customers wanted more freedom, not only to choose where they shopped, but when they shopped.

For this reason, Tesco was supporting the deregulation of shopping hours in England and Wales, to bring them into line with Scotland's seven-day-a-week shopping.

Ratners reaches precious milestone



Mr Gerald Ratner, chairman of the Ratners jewellery chain which owns H Samuel, kept a watching brief yesterday on final preparations for his group's 1,000th — and largest — store. The 6,000 sq ft shop opens in Shaftesbury Avenue, London, next week. Mr Ratner said: "Who'd have thought we could be opening our 1,000th store so soon, when we were running only 100 shops just four years ago, and losing money." (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Racal lines up a £1bn target

By Joe Joseph

Racal is expecting to reap about £1 billion from data communication services over the next decade, creating a flourishing new division within the electronics group, which it hopes will mirror the rapid expansion of its Vodafone cellular telephone business over the past few years.

Racal's optimism has been fired by its success in winning a contract to install a managed data network linking four government departments — the largest data networking contract awarded in Britain, won against competition from rival consortia led by British Telecom and Cable and Wireless.

If its hopes are met, the contract will lead Racal yet further away from manufacturing and into the field of communications services, where its recent success is believed to have put it in the sights of corporate predators.

The contract — which by 1995 will link the Department of Health and Social Security, the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise and the Home Office by 85,000 terminals — is worth £200 million to £300 million over the next 10 years. By 1995 it is expected all civil government departments will be linked via data networks.

Mr Tim Holley, chairman of Racal Scicon, the Racal subsidiary, said: "Data network services will be the fastest growing area of data communications in the 1990s. But we don't expect to make the same sort of profits as we have from Vodafone. It will be a silver rather than a golden goose."

Inflation rises to 3.9% in April

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Inflation increased to 3.9 per cent in the year to April, amid signs of an acceleration in underlying price trends. The increase in the inflation rate, up from 3.5 per cent in the year to March, was more than expected in the City, even after allowing for the effects of the Budget.

Expectations are that the rate will head up to about 4.5 per cent by the summer, before tailing off close to the Treasury forecast of 4 per cent by the end of the year.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, said a temporary rise in inflation had been foreshadowed in the Budget, but that the rate remained historically low.

Mr Fowler said the separate tax-and-price index, which rose by 1.7 per cent in the year to April, showed workers needed an increase in gross earnings of only this much to compensate for inflation.

But strong growth in credit, sharply rising house prices and the acceleration in unit labour costs announced on Thursday have increased worries about the longer-term inflation outlook, and the markets could become very worried if the expected second-half inflation downturn does not occur.

The retail price index stood at 105.8 (January 1987=100) last month, an increase of 1.6 per cent from the 104.1 level of March. Just under a quarter of the increase, or about 0.35 per cent, was directly due to the Budget, both because of the rise in excise duties on alcohol, tobacco and petrol, and the increase in net mortgage payments as a result of the 2p reduction in the basic rate of income tax.

Higher local authority rates, together with increases in rents and water charges, which traditionally take effect in April, contributed a further 0.6 per cent to the increase in the RPI.

The remainder, also about 0.6 per cent, was due to other price increases, including increases in gas and electricity charges and TV licence fees. The increase in prices, after stripping out special factors, suggests some acceleration in underlying inflation.

Britain's inflation rate compares with a latest European Economic Community average of 3 per cent, and an average of 3.6 per cent for OECD countries.

● The Bank of England announced an £800 million "tap" stock of gilt-edged securities, Treasury 8¼ per cent 1993.

Merrett account left open

Merrett Holdings, the second largest underwriting agency at Lloyd's insurance market, is leaving open the 1985 account on its main syndicate in the hope of reducing its liability to asbestosis losses by renegotiating the basis of old policies.

Marine syndicate 418 showed a breakeven position on the 1985 year — Lloyd's syndicates account three years in arrears — despite a marked deterioration in the claims outlook last year. Reserves of $100 million made at the end of 1986 will be sufficient to cover the downturn and there will be no cash call on names.

The syndicate's exposure to asbestosis and environmental pollution claims comes through 11 "run-off" policies written in the early 1980s which reinsured the risks of other Lloyd's syndicates

Thomas Robinson considers shareholder buyout option

By John Bell, City Editor

Thomas Robinson, the engineering group, is actively considering a scheme to buy-in significant numbers of its own shares if its £220 million takeover bid for John Crowther, the textile company, is successful.

The aim is to remove the threat of a potential overhang of Robinson shares which could damage the market rating. Robert Fleming, the engineering group's joint adviser, could emerge as owners of 32 per cent of Robinson's equity, thanks to an abortive underwriting of a share issue to finance Robinson's cash alternative.

Fleming has given assurances that it will make orderly disposals of any shares it has to take up under the underwriting agreements. The merchant bank could in theory find that close on half its capital is tied up in Robinson shares if accepting Crowther shareholders opt for cash, rather than the shares and preference share offer.

A buy-in offer would be made to all shareholders. But the terms could be tailored to suit Robert Fleming by pitching the price at a discount to the market.

Kenneth Fleet 27

Under Stock Exchange rules, a company can buy in up to 15 per cent of its equity in any one year.

No comment was forthcoming from Robinson last night, but it is understood that the board and Schroders, the joint advisers appointed after the underwriting failure, are examining the buy-in option as an alternative if market conditions are judged to be unfavourable to a conventional placing of the Fleming holding.

The buy-in plan may remove the major negative factor hampering the Robinson bid. But it may have emerged too late to prevent the success of the rival bid from Coloroll, the furnishings concern headed by Mr John Ashcroft.

Coloroll's bid has the support of the Crowther board. The Coloroll offer, a one-for-one share swap, passed a closing date yesterday, and market sources expect the offer to be extended for a further week.

Robinson bought more shares in the market yesterday, taking its Crowthers stake from 2.1 per cent to around 2.5 per cent.

Ashcroft re-emerges at former dance studio

The curious case of Pen and Pineapple

By Lawrence Lever

Interests linked with Mr Michael Ashcroft, the head of ADT (formerly Hawley Group), are next week expected to acquire 7¼ per cent of the renamed Prospective Group, once the Pineapple Dance Studios business but now a successful marketing services company.

However, a curious set of circumstances underlies this latest development in the chequered history of Prospective.

The anticipated 7¼ per cent stake results from the imminent conversion of preference shares issued by Prospective to finance the acquisition of a marketing company, Premium Pen. Prospective exchanged contracts to buy Premium Pen on December 31, 1986 — subsequently paying £4 million cash and issuing the preference shares, which together valued the company at £7.4 million.

However, the same company had been purchased just over four months earlier — but for £2.5 million.

The August 1986 purchaser was a company called Carraun, which had been subsidiary of Hawley.

According to the Carraun shareholders' register at the beginning of 1986, Hawley held just over 20 per cent of its shares. British Car Auctions and its then chairman Mr David Wickins held just over 20 per cent.

Carraun was struggling at the time with a weak balance sheet and had unveiled combined losses of £4.6 million in its 1984 and 1985 financial years.

All this changed when Premium Pen came along. Carraun's 1986 accounts state that it made a "net post tax profit" of £3.2 million on the deal.

Mr Peter Bain had been chairman of Carraun but resigned in early 1985. He became executive deputy chairman of Pineapple in June 1985.

Mr Bain also points out that he invested all his capital to buy a 12 per cent stake in Pineapple, so his interests and the company's coincided.

When Pineapple paid £7.4 million for Premium Pen it was warranting profits before tax of £1.2 million to December 1987, a target it achieved.

The circular to Pineapple shareholders regarding Premium Pen did not mention Mr Bain's previous connection with Carraun, or that he still held about 1 per cent of Carraun's share capital. Nor did it mention the previous £2.5 million purchase.

There is no specific Stock Exchange rule necessitating these disclosures although there is a general principle requiring shareholders to be given all the information material to a transaction. Moreover, Mr Bain points out that Pineapple subsequently informed the Stock Exchange of his shareholding in Carraun. "They agreed that it was not material", he says.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Brierley takes holding in Wm Low to 8.76%

Sir Ron Brierley, New Zealand's leading industrialist, has increased his stake in Wm Low, the Scottish supermarket chain and one of the few sizeable independents in the food retail sector. Sir Ron's IEP Securities has taken a 3.25 per cent stake, which, together with the 5.51 per cent already held by its sister company, Rainbow Orient Corporation, gives him control of 8.76 per cent.

Low has been the subject of takeover speculation for years, but the talk has strengthened in recent months. This year, when the company raised £32 million through a rights issue of convertible stock, it included a provision for stepped conversion rates in the event of a successful bid for the company, a move that some saw as a pre-emptive poison pill.

Clayform lifts stake in Stead

Clayform Properties is still mopping up shares in the Stead & Simpson shoe shop chain for which it has launched a £90 million bid. It has taken its stake in the "A" share capital to 9.61 per cent with the purchase of a further 50,000. Clayform's holding in the key ordinary share capital, through which the company is controlled, remains at 29.99 per cent.

£1.4m paid for wharf

Mr Peter de Savary's Highland Participants has confirmed that it is paying James Fisher £1.4 million for the 19-acre Manisty Wharf, which has a frontage on the Manchester Ship Canal within the Ellesmere port area. Manisty specializes in timber cargo. Mr de Savary says Highland plans to take over a series of ports around Britain.

Radio Clyde up 37%

***Radio Clyde, the Glasgow radio station, had an excellent first* half, recording pretax profits up 37 per cent to £608,205. Advertising revenue rose 17 per cent. The station, which reaches nearly half the Scottish population, saw its interim turnover rise 20 per cent to £3.3 million. Earnings per share were up 36 per cent to 6.8p, and the interim dividend is 1.75p, a 17 per cent rise.**

Mr James Gordon, Radio Clyde's managing director, said the first half was usually more profitable than the second, but trading in the second half had started well. However, he pointed out that advertising revenue could be volatile.

Interim loss for Barton

Barton Transport, the coach operator, made a pretax loss of £134,000 in the 24 weeks to March 12 against a profit of £119,000 in the previous *first half. The company said* the bus industry was still in a state of flux following deregulation and this accounted for the disappointing trading results. Steps were being taken to improve the position.

Albion rises to £262,000

Albion, the clothing manufacturer, has declared pretax profits of £262,300 for the six months to the end of March, against £194,200 in *the previous first six months.* Turnover rose to £4.7 million from £3.5 million. The company said that its order position was satisfactory. The company declared an interim dividend of 1p, against 0.8p last time.

Firstland improving

Firstland Oil & Gas, the independent oil company which graduated to the Unlisted Securities Market in January, has revealed a loss of £105,000 for the half-year to December 31. This compares with a £223,000 loss in the comparable period of the preceding year.

Depressed oil and gas prices, as well as the weak US dollar, were blamed for low income. However, the company is continuing to drill its acreage in Mississippi, southern Texas and the Gulf of Mexico. Firstland has changed its year-end *from June 30 to December 31, and its next full accounting* period will be the 18 months to December 31, 1988.

Quadrant develops healthier picture

By Martin Waller

Quadrant Group, the former Sangers Photographics company being built up by Mr Jeremy Peace, boosted pretax profits 60 per cent to £2.14 million in the year to end-February, powered by the group's hefty expansion programme.

Sales rose 28 per cent to £35.29 million. Quadrant is paying a final dividend of 2p, making a 3p total, up from 2.4p last time.

Just under half the profits came from the photographic side, which contains the original core business taken on by Mr Peace in November 1985. The video side chipped in a third and film processing slightly less than 15 per cent, with the balance coming from the cellular telephone division.

The division is a service provider for the Racal Vodafone network, as well as distributing mobile telephone equipment.

The Racal side would only be profitable once it had passed the 2,500 subscribers level — expected later this summer, said Mr Peace — and its first real contribution to group earnings would come in 1989-90.

Meanwhile, the current year had started well, he said, and the group would continue to grow, both organically and by acquisition.

The main acquisition had been Monument, acquired in July, which, trading under the name of Goliath, supplied photographic and developing services to estate agents.

STOCK MARKET

Lasmo shares approach peak

London & Scottish Marine Oil continued to hold centre stage in the stock market yesterday as the price came within a whisker of its peak of 426p, boosted by talk that a stake-building operation is under way.

Lasmo ended the day 11p higher at 420p — adding almost £20 million to the group's stock market value at *£688 million* — as more than 6 million shares changed hands. The price has now risen by 25p in the past two days with dealers forecasting that the identity of the mystery stake-builder will soon emerge. One leading broker commented last night: "The price action has been too good. Something is going on."

There has been talk that Atlantic Richfield, the US oil group, has bought a stake in Lasmo and may consider bidding for the rest. This year it bought a stake in Britoil, which it later sold to BP, before winning control of Tricentrol.

Takeover excitement has been heightened by Arco representatives' visit to London this week for talks with their financial advisers. Arco has already made it clear that it is on the look-out for further acquisitions in the British oil market.

Elsewhere in the oil sector, **Carless Capel** enjoyed another burst of activity with the price recovering an early fall to close 1p firmer at 131p. There has been persistent talk that Lord Rayne, of London Merchant Securities, has found a buyer for his 27.4 per cent stake.

The rest of the equity market ended the account on a firm note despite renewed *inflationary pressures*. The April Retail Price Index rose by 1.6 per cent, lifting the annual rate of inflation by 0.4 per cent to 3.9 per cent.

Dealers said that sentiment had been helped by a better, overnight performance on Wall Street and a steadier showing by the pound, raising hopes that there is scope for another cut in interest rates.

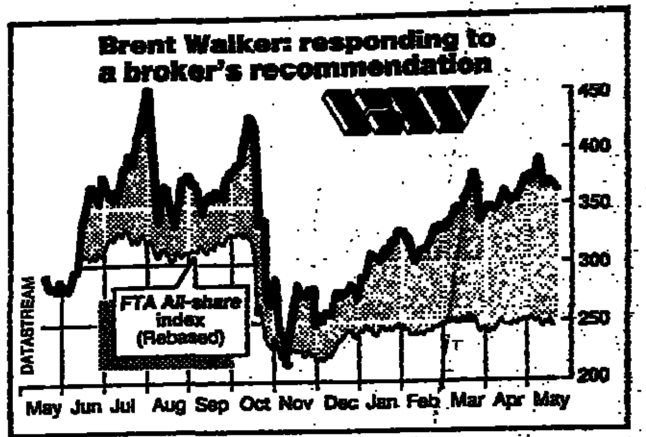
The FT-SE 100 index was *14.1 points higher at its best*, but closed only 9.6 better at 1,770.2 — down by 30.9 points, or 1.72 per cent, on the account. The narrower FT index of 30 shares finished 7.1 points up at 1,415.2.

Government securities closed with gains stretching to a £¼, helped by this week's half-point cut in base rates to 7.5 per cent.

Among the leaders, **Barclays Bank** rose by 3p to 403p on the success of its recent, deeply-discounted rights issue. **Consolidated Gold Fields**, the mining finance house, breached the £10 level, with a rise of 25p to £10.08, ahead of a bullish circular soon from Chase Manhattan Securities.

Gordon Russell, the office furniture group, is enjoying a re-rating this week. It moved against the trend on Thursday to close 7p *dearer at 275p and yesterday* advanced by another 10p to a peak of 285p. Analysts expect profits for the current year to grow from £2.6 million to £3.5 million.

Hopes of another bid in the food sector rose sharply after **Northern Foods** jumped by 9p to 293p on talk that **Hazlewood Foods**, the fast-growing group which already *holds a near-4 per cent stake in* the company, is on the verge of bidding 350p per share for the company.


Brent Walker: responding to a broker's recommendation

Speculation has intensified since dealers heard that Hazlewood had brought forward the publication of its full-year figures by two weeks to next Thursday. It is thought that Hazlewood might be prepared to make its move for Northern Foods on the same day.

Northern is no newcomer to *takeover speculation*. This year there were suggestions that Dr John Randall, the former Avana chief, was forming a consortium to bid for the company. Harrisons & Crosfield, Hanson and Dart Corporation — an Australian group which already holds a small stake — have all been tipped as possible suitors.

The shares of Hazlewood closed unchanged at 218p.

Wm Low, the supermarket retailer, soared by 24p to 660p.

This rise followed the news that New Zealand interests associated with Sir Ron Brierley had increased their stake in the company to nearly 9 per cent. Dealers hope that a bid will soon follow.

Brent Walker, the fast-growing leisure company chaired by Mr George Walker, gained 8p to 373p following a broker's recommendation.

Automated Security, the security and alarms group, jumped by 15p to 240p as stories did the rounds that a bid is on the way from either Thorn or Inspectorate, a Swiss group.

Almost nine million shares of Ferranti, the electronics and defence specialist group, changed hands — three million in one transaction — and by the close they were 1p better at 78p.

The improvement surprised dealers who had been expecting the shares to underperform the market in the short term following recent news that the Government is to reduce the growth of defence budgets.

Analysts thought that it would seriously affect Ferranti because a large proportion of its turnover is generated from defence contracts.

Cable and Wireless gained 6p to 339p amid speculation that it is about to place a further 3.5 per cent of Hongkong Telecommunications.

Ruberoid, the building products group, jumped by a further 17p, making a two-day increase of 43p to 210p, on the news that Raine Industries, the acquisitive housebuilder and contractor, had acquired a stake of 5.3 per cent in the company. In a letter to shareholders, Mr Thomas Kenny, the chairman of Ruberoid, said that he saw "no commercial logic in any relationship with Raine".

Dealers are convinced that a bid of more than 225p a share will come next week from Raine.

George Wimpey, one of the largest housebuilders in Britain, advanced by 6p to 253p on revived speculation that the Grove Charity Management, a trust created by the Mitchell family, Wimpey's founders, had sold its 35 per cent stake in the company to a predator.

Dalgety continued to nudge toward *its* peak of 325p with a rise of 5p to 303p. Dealers say there has been institutional buying of the shares which go ex-dividend on Monday. But there has also been one persistent buyer in the market who has been mopping up any spare stock.

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries rose by another *7p*, to 308p, as stories recirculated that Elders IXL was stake-building before launching a full-scale offer.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

ASB Barnett	68
Acre Oil	186 +6
Carbo	147
Central Motor (80p)	96
Clinton Cards (150p)	167 −2
Dagenham Motors	113 +2
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	101
Gardner (DC)	151
Govett Amer	98
Handley Walker	148
Johnston (122p)	138
Kitty Little (90p)	110 +2
LGW	60
Mercantile Manf	74 +1
Morris Ashby (90p)	88 +2
P&P (175p)	179
Page (Michael)	55
Pennant	22 −1
Portugal	500
Porvair (78p)	93 +1
Reliable Props	£18
Roskel	119 −1
Serco Gp (230p)	235
Shani Grp	95 +1
Sothebys A	950 +5
TGI (130p)	132
Texas Instr	£23⅜
UK Paper (135p)	137
Victaulic (235p)	250 −1
Vosper Thorny (160p)	173

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Eadie Hldgs N/P	1½
Kelt Energy N/P	48 −1
Lincoln N/P	8
Pineapple N/P	1¼
Scanro N/P	16 −2
Trencherwood N/P	40
Trilion N/P	1
Westbury N/P	12½ +½

(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,901	Coats	858	Land Sec	1,891	Royal Ins	586
Abbey	1,157	CU	2,672	Laporte	11	Saatchi	1,121
Alld-Lyons	3,602	Cons Gold	1,581	L&G	935	Sainsbury	1,068
Amstrad	1,909	Cookson	802	Lloyds	3,248	Scot & N	2,144
ASDA	2,561	Courtaulds	3,923	Lonrho	2,544	Sears	7,024
AB Foods	1,050	Dalgety	2,698	Lucas	990	Sedgwick	419
Argyll	740	Dee	1,429	Magnet	1,420	Shell	490
BAA	1,300	Dixons	1,317	M&S	3,181	Smith & N	1,285
BET	418	ECC	559	Maxwell Cm	333	Smith WH	5,864
BTR	2,111	Enterprise	1,409	MEPC	483	Smiths Ind	303
BAT	1,616	Ferranti	8,795	Metal Box	1,064	STC	1,075
Barclays	2,696	Fisons	6,351	Midland	1,911	Stan Chart	576
Bass	727	FKI Babck	6,205	NatWest	942	Storehse	1,612
Beecham	822	Gen Acc	758	Next	1,837	Sun Allnce	1,243
Beazer	407	GEC	4,642	Nth Food	5,315	T & N	174
Berisfd SW	190	Glaxo	758	P&O	272	Tarmac	564
BICC	504	Globe Inv	433	Pearl	462	Tate & Lyle	2,468
Blue Arrow	1,332	Glynwed	539	Pearson	160	TSB	1,124
Blue Circle	733	Granada	293	Pilkington	2,914	Tesco	87
BOC	753	Grand Met	949	Plessey	2,503	Thorn EMI	4,039
Boots	2,771	GUS 'A'	437	Prudential	630	Trafalgar	522
BPB	79	GRE	414	Racal	5,506	THF	1,497
Br Aero	991	GKN	252	Rk Hovis	1,333	Ultramar	1,884
Br Airways	1,143	Guinness	1,585	Rank	110	Unigate	3,948
Br Comm	378	Hamm 'A'	120	R&C	144	Unilever	2,237
Br Gas	8,600	Hanson	4,132	Redland	2,885	United Bis	1,886
Br Petrol	3,125	Hawker	1,387	Reed	367	Utd News	429
Br Telecm	5,061	Hillsdown	1,385	Reuters	2,802	Wellcome	2,855
Britoil	14	IMI	3,354	RMC Gp	511	Whitbrd	1,393
Bunzl	35	ICI	782	RTZ	5,648	Williams	1,177
Burmah	101	Inchcape	145	R-Royce	582	Wills Fab	1,451
Burton	604	Jaguar	1,309	Rothmn 'B'	1,891	Wimpey G	2,278
C&W	2,505	Lasmo	6,289	Rowntree	1,161	Woolworth	813
Cadbury	6,079	Ladbroke	1,334	Royal Bank	35	Equities page 29	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 16	May 27	August 11	August 22

Call options were taken out on: 20/5/88 PML, Bestwood, United Scientific, British Gas, Cityvision, Amstrad, Blacks Leisure, Paragon, Storehouse, Control Securities, Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, Metal Box, Holmes Protection.
Puts: MEPC, Wellcome.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	390	37	48	55	11	17	23
(*425)	420	18	31	42	25	33	37
	460	6	17	25	55	60	63
Bass	800	37	60	67	18	30	40
(*818)	850	13	33	47	52	57	67
	900	6	17	25	90	95	102
Brit Air	140	16	19	22	6	8	13
(*451)	160	5	10	13	17	19	24
	180	1%	5	7	36	36	43
Brit Com	260	10	22	25	18	28	27
(*252)	280	5	12	18	30	37	40
	300	3	6	12	50	55	55
Brit Gas	170	7%	11%	–	9%	12%	–
(*169)	180	3%	6%	12	16%	19	21
	200	1	3	7	35	36	36%
BP	240	28	35	–	2%	8	–
(*261)	260	13	19	27	8%	15	18
	280	5%	10%	19	22	27	29
Britoil	460	70	77	–	3	6	–
(*508)	500	25	50	–	8	15	–
Cons Gold	900	150	175	205	17	47	57
(*1008)	950	112	140	165	35	70	85
	1000	83	115	140	60	100	115
Courtauld	300	57	68	–	7	15	–
(*352)	330	30	48	58	15	25	32
	360	18	33	43	27	42	48
	390	9	22	32	55	62	67
Com Union	300	65	67	75	2	7	10
(*357)	330	42	45	55	6	13	18
	360	20	27	35	18	27	32
C & W	300	48	58	63	6	12	17
(*339)	330	23	38	45	18	22	33
	360	11	25	30	35	40	48
GEC	140	12	15	20	3	7%	10
(*146)	160	3	7	11	15	18	22
	180	1%	3	–	35	37	–
GKN	280	38	44	51	5	10	16
(*308)	300	21	30	38	11	18	25
	330	9	17	25	27	33	39
Grand Met	420	86	92	–	1%	5	–
(*498)	460	50	62	73	6	15	17
	500	23	37	46	22	30	33
	550	7	16	27	55	60	62
ICI	950	55	73	100	27	52	60
(*961)	1000	30	50	72	52	80	90
	1050	14	–	–	100	–	–
	1100	7	20	–	150	155	–
Jaguar	260	11	18	26	21	29	33
(*239)	280	5	11	17	38	43	47
	300	3	6	11	57	60	63
Land Sec	500	90	100	113	2	8	15
(*596)	550	47	65	77	10	18	27
	600	18	38	48	30	40	55
M & S	160	19	26	31	2	6	8
(*179)	180	7	13	18	9	12	17
	200	1%	6	10	25	28	30
R-Royce	100	20	23	26	1	3	6
(*117)	110	12	16	19	3	5%	8
	120	6	10	13	7%	10%	12
STC	220	37	44	48	3	8	11
(*250)	240	21	30	35	8	15	18
	260	12	19	25	19	23	26
Sainsbury	200	24	–	–	2%	–	–
(*221)	220	9	16	21	10	12	15
	240	3	8	12	24	23	28
	260	1	3	6	42	43	45
Shell	1000	72	87	115	17	35	42
(*1043)	1050	40	–	–	38	–	–
	1100	20	38	65	67	65	92
Storehse	260	15	23	28	25	30	32
(*254)	280	8	15	22	38	40	45
	300	5	10	15	55	57	60
Trafalgar	300	15	30	33	12	18	25
(*300)	330	6	15	20	35	38	43
	360	4	6	10	63	65	70
TSB	100	3	6%	9%	7	9	9%
(*97)	110	2	3%	6	15	17	17
	120	1	2	–	25	26	–
Ultramar	240	49	55	62	2	6	8
(*262)	260	33	40	49	6%	11%	14
	280	20%	28	37	14	19	23
Woolworth	250	31	38	46	4	10	13
(*287)	260	18	27	35	11	17	22
	300	10	17	24	23	27	30
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad	140	37	43	48	1%	4	7
(*176)	160	20	31	35	4	11	13
	180	6	18	24	13	20	22
Barclays	360	47	55	62	3	9	12
(*404)	395	17	30	37	10	23	28
	429	3%	13	22	35	45	50
Beecham	420	38	50	58	2%	14	20
(*452)	460	13	28	37	17	33	40
	500	2%	14	20	50	62	66
	550	1	–	–	98	–	–
Boots	200	19	26	32	3	8	13
(*216)	220	7	13	20	11	20	24
	240	2	7	12	26	32	36
BTR	240	13	23	27	7	14	16
(*244)	260	4	14	18	18	26	28
	280	1	7	12	37	40	42
Blue Circ	420	17	33	47	17	28	35
(*419)	460	7	20	30	45	55	63
	500	2	9	18	83	88	92
Dixons	160	17	23	30	2	8	10
(*172)	180	5	13	17	11	17	21
	200	1	5	9	28	32	34

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Glaxo	950	13	52	72	50	70	80
(*913)	1000	5	35	52	92	105	115
	1050	1%	23	–	145	145	–
	1100	1	13	26	195	195	195
Hanson	120	9%	14	17	1%	5	5%
(*128)	130	3	8	11	6%	9%	11
	140	1	4%	7%	14%	16%	17%
	160	%	1%	3	34	35	35
Hawker	460	62	70	77	6	18	23
(*521)	500	23	42	55	20	30	37
	550	8	25	35	53	62	67
Lonrho	189	27	32	35	1%	3%	5%
(*212)	206	13	21	24	4	9	12
	223	4%	11	15	12	17	21
	240	1%	5%	–	28	32	–
Midland	360	52	60	67	3	9	11
(*405)	390	27	37	43	7	18	22
	420	6	22	27	20	32	40
Sears	120	4	10	14	7	10	12
(*121)	130	1	6%	10	16	19	21
	140	%	4	7	25	27	28
Tesco	140	10	18	22	4	9	11
(*145)	160	2	9	12	17	19	22
	180	1	4	6	37	38	38
Thorn EMI	500	140	142	–	2	6	–
(*632)	550	90	100	112	2	12	20
	600	45	62	74	9	29	37
	650	15	32	42	30	50	62
THF	220	14	23	30	3	9	12
(*231)	240	3	13	19	14	18	23
	260	1	5	10	33	34	36
Unilever	420	34	53	62	4	13	20
(*446)	460	10	28	40	22	32	36
	500	2	14	25	55	60	64
Wellcome	460	75	96	109	3	15	22
(*530)	500	43	72	85	9	28	38
	550	16	45	61	36	55	63
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	245	37	45	–	3%	8	–
(*278)	255	28	39	–	6	11	–
	265	21	32	–	10	15	–
Brit Aero	330	68	77	–	4	11	–
(*367)	360	45	55	65	9	22	25
	390	28	38	45	22	35	40
	420	14	23	35	40	50	57
BAT Ind	380	33	42	52	13	21	27
(*403)	420	17	27	37	30	38	42
	460	6	15	–	60	66	–
	500	3	8	–	100	102	–
Brit Tele	220	27	31	34	7	9	12
(*240)	240	12	21	26	14	18	23
	260	7	10	14	29	30	34
Cadbury	280	65	72	–	10	15	–
(*330)	300	50	57	67	16	23	25
	330	30	42	50	27	35	40
Guinness	280	46	53	62	5	9	12
(*319)	300	30	40	48	10	16	17
	330	13	23	30	23	30	35
Ladbroke	360	50	58	–	6	11	–
(*409)	390	27	35	45	15	20	25
	420	11	22	30	33	36	40
LASMO	300	123	133	–	2	4	–
(*418)	330	97	105	–	3	7	–
	360	72	85	97	7	14	21
Pilkington	200	14	20	25	17	23	27
(*200)	220	7	13	17	33	37	42
	240	2%	6	–	50	55	–
	260	1	–	–	68	–	–
Plessey	140	20	27	32	6	9	12
(*155)	160	9	16	22	16	19	23
	180	4%	9	13	33	35	36
P & O	550	52	62	77	14	27	32
(*578)	600	23	40	50	37	50	57
	650	12	25	–	77	87	–
Prudential	750	65	85	–	27	38	–
(*770)	800	40	60	–	50	66	–
	850	22	40	–	85	100	–
Racal	240	75	83	–	2	4	–
(*311)	260	59	68	–	4	10	–
	280	46	55	–	11	17	–
RTZ	300	85	–	–	2%	–	–
(*382)	330	70	77	90	7	13	16
	360	45	55	70	15	23	32
	390	23	36	48	25	37	44
Vaal Reefs	80	9	11%	13%	4%	7%	11%
(*$83)	90	4%	6	9%	10%	13	18
	100	2%	3	–	19	21%	–
Tr 12%	110	3	3	2%	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1995	112	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1%	1%
(*113)	114	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1%	[illegible]	3%
	116	[illegible]	[illegible]	%	[illegible]	[illegible]	4%
Tr 11[illegible]%	114	4%	–	–	[illegible]	–	–
03/07	116	2%	–	–	[illegible]	–	–
(*118)	118	%	–	–	[illegible]	–	–
	120	[illegible]	–	–	2%	–	–
	122	[illegible]	–	–	[illegible]	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1774)

Series	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
1650	127	132	145	150	2%	10	17	26
1700	77	90	101	110	6	19	30	40
1750	32	51	70	80	12	37	48	55
1800	7	28	43	53	40	60	72	85
1850	1	12	25	35	83	100	105	117
1900	%	5	12	23	135	142	145	150
1950	%	2	6	12	185	190	192	197

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*Underlying security price.

Dow up 5 points in early dealing

New York (Reuter) — Share prices held steady at higher levels in early trading yesterday with blue chips showing a slight gain. Analysts explained that the market was recovering from a technically oversold condition after the report of a much improved US trade deficit last Tuesday revived inflation fears.

Some bargain-hunting was also helping to propel advances, they said. The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 5.0 points to 1,963.72, while rising shares outnumbered falling ones by five to two.

Payless Cashway rose by ½ to 21⅜.

Mr Asher Edelman, an investor, disclosed on Thursday that he and his affiliates had a 7.6 per cent stake in the company and may consider seeking control.

On Thursday, the Dow average closed 7.63 higher at 1,958.72.

Tokyo prices advance in nervous trading

Tokyo (Reuter) — Share prices closed firmer on bargain-hunting, but early optimism stemming from an overnight rebound on Wall Street faded somewhat by afternoon.

One equities department head said people wanted to wait until the US consumer price index was released.

The Nikkei index rose 20.61 points, or 0.08 per cent, to 27,393.85 after suffering its biggest fall of the year on Thursday, sinking 394.34 points. Falls yesterday almost matched rises, in turnover of 800 million shares against 1 billion.

The index rose to 27,529.57 at one stage but later selling indicated investors were still jittery. Concern over whether Wall Street could get back on its feet continued.

HK shares close lower

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Share prices finished easier yesterday but were off the day's low following moderate bargain-hunting by local institutions, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index closed 15.52 down at 2,491.24 after losing nearly 25 points in the morning. The Hong Kong index was down 10.02 to 1,645.52. Hang Seng futures were slightly firmer.

Brokers attributed the declines to persistent speculation of an imminent rise in local interest rates.

WALL STREET

	May 19	May 18		May 19	May 18		May 19	May 18
AMR Cp	40%	40%	Fedders	8%	8%	Pennzoil	73	73
ASA	42%	42%	Firestone	n.a	n.a	Pepsico	33%	33%
Aetna Life	40%	39%	Fst Chicago	26%	26%	Pfizer	49	49%
Allied Signal	31%	31%	Fst Int Bncp	42%	42%	Phelps Dod	39%	39%
Allis Chlm	1%	1%	Fst Penn C	10%	10%	Philip Mor	82%	82%
Alcoa	43%	43%	FT Wachva	36%	37%	Philip Ptrl	16%	16%
Amax Inc	18%	19	Ford Motor	47	47%	Pillsbury	36%	37%
AMR Hess	26%	26%	GAF Cp	48	48	Polaroid	30%	30%
Am Brands	44	44	GTE Cp	34%	33%	Primerica	23%	24
Am Cynmd	46%	45%	Gen Cp	17%	18	Proct Gble	72%	71%
Am Ele Pwr	26%	26%	Gn Dynam	53%	53%	Pub SE Gr	22%	22%
Amexs	23%	23	Gen Electric	40%	39%	R Nabisco	45%	44%
Am Family	13%	13%	Gen Inst	32%	31%	Raytheon	63%	63%
Am Home	71%	71%	Gen Mills	44%	43%	Rynlds Metl	43%	43%
Am Int Grp	51%	51	Gen Motors	75	74%	Rockwell Int	18%	18%
Am Stand	76%	76%	Gen Pub Ut	32%	32%	Royal Dutch	116	115%
Am Telph	26%	26%	Genesco	3%	3%	SFE Sopac	14%	14%
Amoco Cp	74%	74%	Georgia Pac	36%	37%	Sara Lee	36%	35%
Anheuser B	29%	29%	Gillette	36%	36%	Schlumb	37%	36%
Armco Steel	9%	9%	Goodrich	49%	52%	Scott Paper	36%	36%
Asarco Inc	23%	23%	Goodyear	59%	60	Seagram	51%	51%
Ashland Oil	68%	69%	Gould Inc	13%	13%	Sears Roeb	33%	33%
Atl Richfld	85%	85%	Grace Co	24%	24%	Shell Trans	77%	77%
Avon Prod	22%	23%	Grt Atl Pac	34%	34%	Singer	n.a	n.a
Bk Boston	24	23%	Greyhnd	27%	27%	Smith Beck	49%	49%
Bank NY	29%	30%	Gruman	19%	19%	Sony Cp	42%	43
Bankamer	10	9%	Gulf Westn	38	37%	Sth Cal Edi	30%	30%
Bkrs Tst NY	30%	30%	Heinz	39%	39	SW Bell	35%	35%
Baxter	19%	19	Hercules	46%	46%	Squibb	58%	57%
Beth Steel	19%	19%	Hewlett Pk	56%	57	Stevens JP	67%	67%
Boeing	48%	49%	Honeywell	68%	69	Sun Comp	57%	56%
Boise Casc	42%	41%	IC Ind	31%	31%	TRW Inc	44%	44%
Borden	49%	50%	ITT Cp	45%	45%	Teledyne	335%	335%
Bristl Meyr	39%	38%	INCO	25%	27%	Tenneco	41%	41%
BP	59%	58%	Ing Rand Wl	38%	38%	Texaco	49%	49%
Brunswick	21%	21%	Inland Steel	31%	32%	Tex Eastn	24%	25
Burl Nth	61	61	IBM	110%	108%	Texas Inst	43%	43%
CBS	148	148	Int Paper	40%	40%	Tex Util	25%	25%
Cms Engy	17%	17%	Irving Bk	61%	61%	Textron	23%	23%
CPC Int	46	45%	Jhsn & Jhsn	70%	69%	Travelers	33%	33%
CSX Cp	25%	25%	K Mart	31%	31	USG	43%	43%
Camp Soup	25%	25%	Kaisertech	18	18%	USX Cp	31%	31%
Can Pacific	17%	17%	Kerr McGee	35%	35%	Unilever Plc	33%	33%
Caterpillar	61%	62%	Kimbrly Clrk	52%	51%	Un Carbide	18%	20%
Centrl SW	31%	31%	Kraft	51%	51	Un Pac Cp	60%	61%
Champion	32%	32%	Kroger	32%	32%	Unisys Cp	33	32%
Chase Man	24%	24%	LTV Cp	3%	3%	Utd Brands	54%	54
Chem Bank	25%	25%	Litton	82%	82%	Us West	51%	51%
Chevron	48	47%	Lockheed	42	42%	Utd Tech	36%	36
Chrysler	21%	22%	Lucky Str	64%	64%	Unocal	35%	35%
Citicorp	21%	20%	Man H'nver	26	26%	Warn Lamb	61	61%
Clark Eq	31	31%	Manville	2%	2	Wells Far	53	52%
Coca Cola	35%	35%	Mapco	55%	55%	Westg El	50%	50%
Colgate	41	41	Marriott	27%	26%	Weyerhsr	36%	36%
Columb Gas	29%	28%	Mt Marrieta	41%	42%	Whirlpool	25%	25%
Cmb'tn Eng	30%	30%	Masco	25%	25%	Woolworth	51	49%
Cmwlth Edi	23%	23%	Mcdonalds	42%	42%	Xerox Cp	51%	51%
Cons Edis	41%	41%	McDonnell	61%	62	Zenith	21%	20%
Consol Ng	34	34%	Mead Cp	32%	32%			
Cont Data	25	25%	Merck	150%	148%	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	49%	49%	Minstg Mng	58%	58%			
Crane	29%	28%	Mobil	45%	45%	Agnco Eag	17%	17%
Curtiss W	49%	49	Monsanto	78	79	Alcan Alum	33%	33%
Data Genl	20%	20%	Morgan Jp	33%	32%	Algoma Stl	21.25	21%
Deere Co	45%	45%	Motorola	48	48%	Can Pacific	21%	21%
Delta Airl	45%	45%	NCR	59	58%	Cominco	18%	18%
Detroit Edi	12%	12%	NL Indstrs	7	7%	Con Bathrst	14%	14%
Digital Eq	102%	107%	Nat Md Ent	21%	21%	Hawk S Can	22	22%
Disney	56%	56%	Nat Semi	13%	12%	Hud Bay M	18%	19
Dow Chem	79%	80%	Norfolk Sth	26	26	Imasco	25%	25%
Dresser Ind	33	33%	NW Bancrp	41%	41%	Imperial Oil	57%	57%
Dupont	81%	80%	Occid Pet	26%	25%	Inco	33	33%
Duke Pwr	42%	42%	Ogden Cp	26	25%	Royl Trstco	15%	15%
East Kodak	41%	41%	Olin Cp	45%	46%	Seagram	83%	64%
Eaton Cp	77	77%	PPG Ind	40%	42	Steico 'A'	21%	21%
Emerson El	29%	29%	Pac Enterp	45%	44%	Thmsn N 'A'	26%	26%
Emery Air	5%	5%	Pac Gas El	15	14%	Varity Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Walker H	[illegible]	[illegible]
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French firm poised to take over UK water company

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The first French takeover of a British water company now looks certain. Lyonnaise des Eaux, a £550 million French utilities group, has gained a shareholding destined to command almost 45 per cent of the votes in the East Anglian Water Company, a statutory company supplying customers in Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth and much of East Suffolk.

Bankers Trust, which acts for Lyonnaise, said yesterday that unless this holding were reduced, Lyonnaise would have to make a bid under the Takeover Code and that discussions will be held with the East Anglian board.

The French coup results from a share issue made by the East Anglian company which seemed to invite a takeover in the frenzied scramble for stakes in the 28 statutory water companies.

East Anglian needed to raise £8 million to fund the redemption of old preference shares and pay for capital works. To do this it offered £3.5 million of fixed-dividend shares by tender. These carried no voting restrictions (an unusual feature of the East Anglian company's capital) and represented about a third of the votes. But, once the old preference shares are redeemed, the voting power of the new shares would rise to about half.

Lyonnaise, somewhat behind its rival, Générale des Eaux, in the scramble, bid for the whole issue at such a high price that the issue had to be scaled down to avoid the proceeds rising above the maximum permitted.

In the end, Lyonnaise has ended up with all but a handful of the reduced issue at a cost of about £11.7 million. The French company, which already has shareholdings in Bristol Waterworks and made an abortive bid for East Worcestershire Water, could hardly believe its luck.

Seymour Pierce, the specialist broker which handled the issue, said East Anglian had little choice, given the capital restrictions on statutory water companies. But it realized this might be the result because of the scramble for shares before statutory companies are allowed to convert into plcs.

Lyonnaise already supplies water to 8 million people in Spain, North America and Morocco, as well as to 10 million in France.

Shake-up at growing Brown Shipley

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Brown Shipley, one of the City's smallest merchant banks, yesterday reported a small increase in disclosed pretax profits for the year to March 31 — up from £5.9 million to £6.5 million. The dividend was raised by 0.5p to 10.5p.

After a strong first half, the banking group was hit by the stock market crash which cut back profits in its network of regional stockbrokers. Other areas of the business, such as investment management, were also affected by the drop in stock market turnover following the crash.

Corporate finance business faced a downturn in the second half of the year, although profits in this area were still up 25 per cent by the year-end.

Brown Shipley also announced a management restructuring to take account of the rapid growth in different parts of the business over the last few years.

Mr John van Kuyffeler, previously head of the corporate finance division and one of the architects of the bank's recent renaissance, is being made group chief executive. Mr Jean Adant, a senior executive of Kredietbank Luxembourg which is a 29.3 per cent shareholder, is becoming deputy chairman of Brown Shipley.

Several directors would also join the group board.

Lord Farnham, the chairman, said that the changes were designed to strengthen the group holding company board which would take charge of group strategy and for the first time co-ordinate various parts of the group which had previously developed separately.

The company's main shareholders, Kredietbank and Mr Giorgio Rossi, the Italian businessman who holds 14.8 per cent, have been brought more closely in touch with the management of the group.

Kids' stuff: (from left) Hornby's Keith Ness, chief executive, Jack Strowger, chairman, and Alan Cox, financial director, with the company's Yawnies soft toys yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan)

Hornby profits from soft options

By Michael Tate

The Pound Puppies, the Cool Cats and the Yawnies were in town yesterday for the annual meeting of USM-quoted Hornby Group.

Most people still know Hornby best for its train sets, but the new software gang could change all that.

More than 160,000 Pound Puppies have already found good homes — raising £160,000 for Guidedogs for the Blind — and Hornby has equally high hopes for the others, launched at January's toy fair.

Mr Keith Ness, the Hornby chief executive, reckons soft toys are replacing the more traditional dolls for many little girls.

There is also, he feels, a big switch back to traditional toys. "Home computers have become homework," he said after yesterday's meeting.

"Kids are moving away from electronic toys, and we are seeing very buoyant demand for the Hornby model railway and our Scalextric cars."

Shareholders heard Mr Jack Strowger, the chairman, say that the level of orders was "considerably ahead of last year".

In his annual report, he expressed concern that first-half profits may not measure up to last year's, but yesterday the board was more optimistic.

"It could be better than we thought," said Mr Ness.

Analysts are predicting pretax profits of more than £2 million for the full year, against £1.8 million last time. Hornby shares went up by 5p to 143p.

Robert Fleming stumbles over the horses for courses hurdle

Merchant bankers are the City's élite corps: highly trained, highly visible and, above all, highly paid. Much of the old mystique may have gone, yet some of the romance remains. It is still the most enviable of job descriptions. How many eligible girls would choose a clearing banker, or even an investment banker, in preference to a merchant banker? But times are changing. Performance now matters more than a fancy waistcoat.

One of the most instructive case histories in current merchant banking is the role of Robert Fleming in acting for Henry Robinson, an ambitious but not a well-known engineering group, against Coloroll, also ambitious, better known, and advised by SG Warburg, in pursuit of the textile company, John Crowther.

Traditionally, Fleming is an investment bank which from time to time feels the urge to break out of the mould. Not for the first time, it is seeking to make a mark in the macho area of mergers and acquisitions. Nobody should blame Lawrence Banks, Fleming's head of corporate finance, for being ambitious, nor perhaps for cold-calling on Graham Rudd, the architect of Robinson's transformation, and persuading him to bid for Crowther. The commercial logic may be elusive but how else is a merchant bank to drum up new business if not by selling ideas?

Why Fleming has egg on its face is because it failed to recognize that the environment for takeovers had changed; failed to think through its tactical decisions; failed to allow for the possibility that between them the bank and the chosen broker, Phillips & Drew, might fall short in arranging cash sub-underwriting of Robinson shares. Robinson is not a big company, it was known to only a small circle of institutions, and through a single acquisition in a bear market it was looking to treble in size.

In the event, the institutions were alarmed by the thought that they might actually have to take Robinson shares and not just their underwriting fees (raised by a superbly timed statement by Warburg that Coloroll would not raise its bid). Led by the Scots, they ran away. Fleming was left staring at the prospect of having itself to take up an unwanted 32 per cent of Robinson's equity, at the cost of half the bank's capital and an instant paper loss. This loss would probably increase because of the market's awareness that Fleming would have to dispose of part, and ultimately virtually the whole, of its stake.

It is a nasty hook to be on and to its credit Fleming has not wriggled. It would be easy if the bank could offer Robinson shares as a platform for a bid for Robinson but plainly it cannot.

The least painful way for Fleming to get off the hook is for Coloroll to prevail, which, since it controls 37 per cent ofCrowther's equity it is likely to do.

There are other fascinating wrinkles in this case but the general issue that interests me is the horses-for-courses argument: do you look to one merchant bank to care for you and act on your behalf in all circumstances or do you switch to the bank which has an edge in the kind of expertise you want for a particular deal?

With corporate brokers — those that can deliver the sub-underwriters when you really need them — three are way in front: Cazenove, Rowe & Pitman and Hoare Govett.

With merchant banks the choice is not as easy. The all-embracing relationship comes most naturally with Schroder, Rothschild and Warburg, which, to a unique degree among British merchant banks, also has skill and the muscle. Akin to them are the Americans, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, which are also innovative, imaginative and thoroughly versed in American ways.

They are uneasy with the British underwriting system and are not good tacticians when acting for bidders. But they are powerful defenders, as Goldman Sachs especially has proved. It is not surprising that Rowntree has Goldman Sachs on its side. The advantage you have in defending a company against a bid, as the late great Frank Smith of Warburg understood from the early days, is that, if you lose, the other side pays the cost of the defence. The constraints, including financial constraints, when acting for the bidder are much more inhibiting.

Whether the majority of companies believes in horses for courses or not, the scope for good merchant banks acting in consort is going to increase. The problem is there are not enough good merchant banks.

Lawson's reason, Thatcher's instinct

With the weight of analysis and expert forecasts landing daily on their doormats, institutions should find it easy to make up their minds. Yet it remains sad, but true, that for fund managers the beginning of all wisdom is to avoid making decisions. As they dominate the stock market, business is thin and prices volatile. Reasons have given way to excuses. This month's good figures are rejected on the ground that next month's might conceivably be bad. Frenetic efforts by brokers and market-makers to generate turnover have driven common sense out of the window. The obvious has become the victim of the obscurantist.

Take the great debate over the sterling exchange rate. Two months ago the rate against the West German mark, then threatening to break through DM3, became a matter of high politics. The Prime Minister put her Chancellor down in public, the pound was uncapped and Nigel Lawson threw his on the ground and stamped on it.

Mrs Thatcher's instinct at the time was right, but feminine instinct is not a proper substitute for coherent and consistent policy. Low politics it may have been, a decent excuse for undermining an outstandingly successful Chancellor of the Exchequer on the eve of another imaginative Budget it certainly was not.

This week, after three cuts in bank base rates, the Prime Minister has given her support to the Lawson cause of exchange-rate stability. We, like the Chancellor, may come to regret this uncharacteristic show of flexibility.

But let us give praise where praise is due. Nigel Lawson is the only member of the Cabinet free from the desire or necessity to creep. He knows that a high percentage of his decisions have been right and, if he decides to leave the Government, the top is the best place to leave it from.

The salient facts about the UK economy and the exchange rate are straightforward:

1. Domestic demand, spurred by rising house prices and fed by ample credit, is increasing at a faster rate than the economy can grow to meet it.
2. This imbalance will cause inflation to rise or the balance of payments to deteriorate.
3. Cutting interest rates (cheaper credit) adds fuel to spending and pressure to the balance of payments.
4. High exchange rates help to keep inflation down when lower interest and rising spending would otherwise tend to drive it higher.
5. This is not an ideal policy mix and it makes currency dealers think that in buying sterling they cannot lose: if the pound does fall, higher base rates would promptly push it back up.

The serious problem would arise if the Prime Minister were to change her mind again and, faced with a pound rampant, refused to sanction another cut in base rates. The latest figures for bank and building society lending — up by £8.2 billion in April — and for average earnings — up 8.5 per cent in March and accompanied by diminishing growth in productivity and rising unit labour costs — are not designed to persuade her finally that she is wholly wrong about exchange and interest rates, and Nigel is entirely right.

Amec convertible issue to raise £81m

By Alexandra Jackson

Amec, the civil engineering, housing and property group, is raising £81.1 million net of expenses by way of a six-for-five convertible preference rights issue of 83.3 million shares at 100p.

The group is also issuing 4.9 million new ordinary shares, worth £18.5 million, to acquire the outstanding 50 per cent of its housebuilding joint venture, Fairclough Homes.

The money raised will be invested across Amec's broad spread of activities, encompassing construction, coal, building products, property and housing. At least £20 million of the new money will be employed in Amec's contracting operation which has a growing portfolio of project-related work.

The acquisition of the rest of Fairclough Homes will increase Amec's debt by £47 million but, taking into account the proceeds of the convertible, the company should be cash-neutral by the year-end.

Mr John Early, Amec's finance director, said the group did not anticipate any dilution of group earnings this year. City experts forecast a rise in Amec's pretax profits from £34.5 million to £53 million in the year to December 1988.

Earnings per share are expected to increase from 34.5p to 46.5p. Amec's shares fell 6p to 368p yesterday.

Fairclough Homes was formed in early 1986 from a joint venture between an independent company, Hammerfine, and Amec's existing housebuilding interests.

The business has grown sharply, helped by the injection of £27 million of capital from Amec. Last year alone, profits increased from £1.5 million to £8.7 million.

In 1991, Amec will pay a further consideration for its controlling interest in Fairclough Homes, through the issue of about 2.5 million shares — worth £9 million — dependent on housing profits.

BBA offshoot back in profit

The revival in the motor industry lifted Automotive Products back into profit in 1987. The company, which is a subsidiary of BBA Group, made pretax profits of £2.9 million against a £7.4 million loss last time.

Gross profit was a little higher at £67.7 million against £65.6 million, but distribution and administration costs were both trimmed back to leave trading profits of £17.7 million against £10.5 million.

Fraud charge dropped

Mr George Tan, the former Carrian chief, was yesterday told that the Hong Kong Attorney-General has decided to drop a fraud charge involving a HK$1.68 billion (£115 million) property deal.

The prosecution said that the charge, against Mr Tan, aged 54, and his former partner, Mr Bentley Ho, aged 40, had been dropped because the pair are now facing trial on more serious charges involving loans worth almost HK$6 billion.

Mr Tan was the head of the Carrian empire which collapsed five years ago with debts of almost HK$8 billion. In September last year, Mr Tan and five others walked away from the Crown Colony's longest (18 months) and costliest (HK$100 million not including police time) trial after a judge said they had no case to answer on charges of conspiring to inflate Carrian's accounts.

Mr Tan and Mr Ho still face 34 other charges involving loans totalling almost HK$6 billion.

Bailey Morris on anxious times for the US economy

Spectre of inflation stalks Wall Street

Mr Nigel Lawson's remarks that the US economy was in danger of overheating have touched a raw nerve on Wall Street, exacerbating fears that the spectre of a 1970s brand of inflation has returned to haunt an already nervous financial system.

Prices have tumbled on world stock markets. This was in response to the sharp drop in US bond and stock markets over the past few days as new data revealed that the economy was "on a rip-roaring tear", to quote one trader, and to the statements of high-level officials that global inflation was giving cause for renewed concern.

Although most economists believe Wall Street's fears are exaggerated, it is acknowledged that a crisis of confidence could emerge if public policy is not firm enough to convince markets that inflation and interest rates will remain reasonable.

"The lesson which all central bankers have learned is that if you do not do what is necessary in the short run, you lose financial confidence which is difficult to restore," said Mr John Williamson, an economist with the Institute of International Economics. The memory of 20 per cent interest rates in the early 1980s has not dimmed.

This has put increasing pressure on the US Federal Reserve Board to demonstrate that it is keeping a firm grip on the reins. It was in response to faster-than-expected US growth, and to rising commodity prices, that the Fed nudged up interest rates last week, increasing the federal funds rate to 7.25 per cent from slightly less than 7 per cent. US banks responded by raising their base rates from 8.5 per cent to 9 per cent.

But many on Wall Street questioned whether this "tentative action" by the Fed was enough. Doubts were expressed over whether Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve and a committed Republican, and the Reagan-appointed Fed board, would raise interest rates significantly in an election year, to check the consumer demand which is fuelling inflation.

"I believe the Fed is playing a game of fudge and compromise, and will not do anything to jeopardize the chances of Republicans in the November elections," said a high-level official at Goldman Sachs, the investment bank.

Indeed, searching for hints of Mr Greenspan's intentions has become a new Wall Street obsession. Unlike Mr Paul Volcker, his predecessor, he has not yet presented a public image of being firmly in charge of the US central bank.

Mr Greenspan's management style is much more eclectic. Individual governors have more power than they had under Mr Volcker and are therefore more independent. So it is less possible to predict what the Fed will do.

The 23 per cent surge in US exports in March and the unemployment rate of 5.4 per cent, a 14-year low, have convinced many on Wall Street that the Fed must continue to tighten monetary policy, to head off inflation and soaring interest rates. "It would be unwise if they did not continue to tighten," said Mr Lyle Gramley, a former governor of the Fed.

This was especially true in the light of the prediction this week by Mr Martin Feldstein, a former chairman of the US Council of Economic Advisers, that the dollar would continue to decline over the next 12 months to as low as Y116. This would increase inflationary pressures.

Mr Feldstein, an economic adviser to Mr George Bush, the vice-president, in his quest for the presidency, said that the dollar must fall further, despite the improvement in the trade deficit, to allow the US to finance its current account deficit. His remarks unnerved currency markets.

The nervousness in markets flows from the widespread perception that US officials have much less control over policy and interest rates than they did before the advent of huge, entrenched fiscal and trade deficits.

Mr Lawrence Chimerine, a respected Wall Street economist with the Wefa Group, said that the Fed's control over interest rates "has been reduced dramatically by the need to finance enormous deficits, and by the increasing financing of those deficits from overseas sources".

Uncertainty abounds. But most investors appear to support a modest rate rise now, to avert sustained, high interest rates in the future.

Savings associations living on borrowed time

The US savings and loan industry, beset by a record number of failures and mounting deposit runs, has become a serious drain on government resources. The problem is so severe in Texas that federal officials said that hundreds of institutions may have to be nationalized.

Government officials gave warning in Congressional testimony this week that the federal insurance fund which guarantees deposits in the savings associations — providers of most American mortgage loans — has insufficient funds. The stability of the entire US financial system will be threatened unless swift action is taken, according to a new report by the US Government Accounting Office.

The GAO report affected financial markets already nervous over the prospect of a resurgence of inflation and higher interest rates. Mr Frederick Wolf, a GAO director, said that the cost to the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the agency which backs deposits, would be between $30 billion and $64 billion, far higher than earlier estimates of $10.8 billion. The additional cost will increase the already large US fiscal deficit.

Senator William Proxmire moved to calm investor fears by stating the savings and loan industry had the full support of Congress. "Let us not panic the American people. I do not minimize the problem but let us not exaggerate it," he said.

But there are daily reports of the growing problems of the savings associations. Federal regulators this week announced the largest government bailout in the history of the savings and loan industry, a $2 billion (£1.07 billion) deal which would allow Mrs Caroline Hunt, one of the richest women in America, to take over four bankrupt Texas associations in partnership with the government. Only a week earlier there was a big restructuring of a failed Texas association.

Altogether, federal officials estimated that there are more than 500 insolvent associations, most of them in the depressed South-west. The associations are kept open because the government cannot afford to close them and pay off depositors.

This year alone, federal regulators have announced a programme to merge or close an estimated 150 associations, but buyers are difficult to find and the costs to the government are growing.

The saving and loan associations, unlike British building societies, make loans at a fixed rate. Many associations found themselves in trouble after deregulation of the industry because of poor management and aggressive lending programmes, particularly in the Texas property market.

Mr William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp which insures deposits at commercial banks, said his agency had launched a big review of deposit insurance with the aim of proposing solutions to the next president.

He said the problems of the savings and loan industry also had a dramatic impact on the banking industry.

Both Republicans and Democrats have tried to avoid the issue before the November elections because the scope of the problem is so large and there are no easy solutions.

But Senator Donald Riegle Jr, who is expected to become chairman of the Senate Banking Committee next year, said Congress must be ready to act soon after the next president takes office. "It is clear that we have a very big problem here and that it is getting worse, not better," he said.

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American Gth	134.6	143.1	-3.4	1.71
Asian Pacific	81.4	85.6	-0.8	1.08
Assets & Earns	131.8	140.2●	-0.1	1.99
Capital Res	78.3	78.5	+0.2	3.62
Comm Energy	85.0	90.9	-0.4	0.86
Euro Capital	85.6	89.7●	-0.8	1.08
General	159.2	169.3	-0.8	2.88
Japan	95.5	102.1	-1.6	..
UK Gth Inc	122.3	130.1●	-0.2	2.13
Do Acc	179.9	191.3●	-0.3	1.45
US Emerg Co	38.9	41.5	-0.6	0.00
Income Gth	242.3	257.7●	-1.3	3.69
Master Acc	69.5	73.9	-0.6	2.49
American Inc	39.2	41.9	-0.5	6.64
Ethical Tst	40.5	43.0	-0.1	2.91
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Extra Inc	37.1	39.4	-0.1	5.02
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	35.9	38.2	-0.9	2.42
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Gt/Fxd Interest	24.1	25.7	-0.1	9.29
Global Income	33.4	35.6●	-0.5	5.45
Hi Income	51.5	54.8●	-0.4	3.57
Income Growth	63.3	67.4	-0.3	4.44
International	78.2	83.2	-1.3	0.64
Japan Gen	160.7	171.0	-2.2	0.01
Special Sits	60.6	64.5●	-0.3	1.35
Formerly Atlanta UT Managers				
Japan Far East	67.8	72.1	-1.2	1.48
International	66.9	71.1	-1.9	2.14
Do Acc	87.4	92.9	-2.5	2.14
Hi Income	53.7	57.1	-0.9	6.69
Fund Invest	94.4	100.3	-2.5	2.55
Do Acc	143.0	152.0	-3.7	2.55
UK Growth	20.4	21.7	-0.2	4.58
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Income	41.3	44.0●	-0.3	4.35
Far East	27.9	29.7●	-0.5	0.21
Nth American	24.6	26.1●	-0.6	0.78
Global	41.8	44.5	-1.0	0.78
European	35.0	37.3	-1.1	1.40
Japan	86.8	92.4	-1.2	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.8	51.7	-0.1	1.50
Do Acc	47.5	50.5	..	3.44
Intl Currency	43.1	45.9●	-0.3	5.90
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Far East S S	48.4	51.5	-0.6	0.67
Gold Gen S S	47.1	50.2	-0.3	1.01
Income	333.2	354.7	-1.9	5.30
Intl Sp Sits	45.3	48.3	-0.6	2.14
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Fixed Int	146.45		..	9.76
Deposit	100.0		..	8.50
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Dragon Gth	20.6	21.9●	-0.3	2.03
Equity Hi Inc	55.8	59.1	-0.3	4.90
Do Acc	55.8	59.1	-0.3	4.90
European Gth	22.7	24.1	-0.1	1.74
Gen Equity	46.3	49.1	-0.6	3.06
G/F Intrst Gth	33.0	34.8	-0.1	7.25
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.8	26.2	..	8.78
Intl Income Tst	21.8	23.1●	-0.1	5.64
Japan Gth	46.5	49.4	-0.9	0.00
Pacific Gth	27.7	29.4	-0.3	2.39

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Smaller Co	72.0	77.4●	-0.2	1.90
Do Acc	79.3	85.2●	-0.2	1.90
Pres Canada	38.9	40.5	-1.1	0.10
Pres Commod	44.1	45.9	-0.6	0.08
Pres Europe	86.6	90.3	..	0.00
Pres Global	47.4	49.4	+0.3	5.17
Pres Gold	37.0	38.5	-0.4	0.13
Pres HK	29.6	30.8	-0.3	0.09
Pres Japan	117.1	122.1	-1.5	0.00
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Prestige UK	89.3	93.1	-0.8	1.39
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W'wide Alpha	48.8	52.1	+0.1	..
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Do Acc	180.6	182.1	-0.7	5.43
General Ut Inc	166.9	179.6	-5.3	3.30
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Gilt & Fixed	48.0	50.0●	-0.7	8.60
Do Acc	71.2	74.1●	-1.2	8.60
Income	251.4	267.4c	-7.3	4.74
Do Acc	413.0	439.3c	-10.3	4.74
International	299.9	318.0●	-6.3	0.87
Do Acc	377.6	401.7●	-7.3	0.87
Pacific	202.5	215.4	-2.4	0.33
Do Acc	209.8	223.1	-2.5	0.33
Nat Resources	54.0	57.4●	+0.2	1.91
Do Acc	56.7	60.3●	+0.2	1.91
Selected Opps	74.5	79.2	-8.2	2.52
Do Acc	83.9	89.2	-8.7	2.52

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Income Fd	105.7	112.0●	+0.7	4.74
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Stg Ded Gilt Fd	77.3	78.3●	..	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	€52.5	53.0	+0.1	..
Challenger	53.8	54.4	..	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	66.0	70.3●	-0.1	6.74
Income	75.2	80.1	-0.1	4.17
Gth	78.0	83.0	-0.7	2.05
Prop Share	45.2	48.1	..	1.53
Smaller Cos	58.7	62.5●	-0.1	1.90

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105	85	Convac	90	100	● ..	3.9	3.5	10.5
68	53	Corton Beh	64	67	..	0.7	1.1	11.3
155	120	Crown Eye	128	130	..	..	..	37.9
16	10½	Eglinton	10½	12	+½	..	..	..
143	93	Far E Res	105	115	..	..	..	..
39	22	Hourbit	34	38	+1	..	..	..
66	41	Kemp (PE)	40	45	..	..	..	8.1
63	60	LGW	57	62	..	..	..	12.8
101	65	Leading Lsr	89	92	●-1	1.5	1.8	18.6
65	40	Lynx Tech	35	45	..	..	..	4.6
140	89	Medisco	107	112	..	..	..	..
41	18	Norton Gp	18	19	-1	..	..	..
90	47	Pennine Optical	45	48	..	..	..	12.7
33	13	Pub Hldgs	15	18	-1	..	..	9.8
80	68	Seacon	65	70	..	..	..	..
282	300	Takare	238	248	-4	1.4	0.6	..
58	40	Thame Hldgs	47	52	●-1	1.5	3.0	11.9
135	120	UPL	115	125	..	3.8	3.2	16.1
142	120	Unit Group	138	145	..	6.9	4.9	8.0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 78.3 (day's range 78.3-78.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for May 20

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8630-1.8645	1.8630-1.8640	0.04-0.01pr	0.11-0.06pr
Montrl	2.3129-2.3170	2.3129-2.3160	0.24-0.44ds	0.73-0.94ds
Amstrdm	3.5458-3.5575	3.5509-3.5546	1⅛-⅞pr	3⅜-2⅝pr
Brussels	66.02-66.32	66.12-66.28	15-parpr	37-15pr
Copnhgn	12.0778-12.1127	12.0918-12.1076	⅝-2⅞ds	3⅜-5⅞ds
Dublin	1.1841-1.1884	1.1869-1.1879	9-2pr	34-18pr
Frankft	3.1652-3.1763	3.1700-3.1735	1⅛-⅞pr	3⅜-3pr
Lisbon	258.07-259.35	258.07-259.14	71-111ds	280-386ds
Madrid	209.38-210.07	209.38-209.87	36-57ds	108-130ds
Milan	2350.00-2357.66	2351.71-2354.83	3-8ds	12-20ds
Oslo	11.5133-11.5496	11.5239-11.5394	5⅜-6⅜ds	15-16⅜ds
Paris	10.7129-10.7460	10.7196-10.7310	par-⅜ds	par-1⅛ds
Stckhlm	11.0141-11.0414	11.0204-11.0319	2⅜-2⅞ds	7-8⅜ds
Tokyo	232.34-233.09	232.44-232.75	⅞-⅝pr	2⅜-1⅞pr
Vienna	22.25-22.34	22.29-22.32	7⅜-5⅜pr	21⅞-19⅜pr
Zurich	2.6380-2.6478	2.6420-2.6452	1⅛-⅞pr	3⅜-3⅜pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	15.6208-15.7161
Australia dollar	2.3799-2.3828
Bahrain dinar	0.7005-0.7045
Brazil cruzado*	285.37-286.86
Cyprus pound	0.8390-0.8439
Finland marka	7.4825-7.5225
Greece drachma	252.75-254.75
Hong Kong dollar	14.5632-14.5730
India rupee	24.79-24.99
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5090-0.5130
Malaysia dollar	4.8162-4.8207
Mexico peso	4150-4250
New Zealand dollar	2.6832-2.6886
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.97-7.01
Singapore dollar	3.7512-3.7552
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3625-5.6163
S Africa rand (com)	4.1351-4.1411
U A E dirham	6.8226-6.8625

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5690-1.5705	Denmark	6.4925-6.4975	Italy	1283.5-1284.5
Singapore	2.0130-2.0140	W Germany	1.7038-1.7045	Belgium (Com)	35.49-35.54
Malaysia	2.5845-2.5855	Switzerland	1.4200-1.4210	Hong Kong	7.8150-7.8160
Australia	1.2779-1.2788	Netherlands	1.9065-1.9075	Portugal	138.80-139.20
Canada	1.2400-1.2410	France	5.7570-5.7620	Spain	112.50-112.60
Sweden	5.9170-5.9220	Japan	124.90-125.00	Austria	11.97-11.98
Norway	6.1900-6.1950				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 7½ Finance Hse 9
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 7½ Low 7 Week fixed: 7½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 7¼ 3 mth – 7¼
Selling: 2 mth – 7⅛ 3 mth – 7⅛
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 7 9/32-7 7/32
2 mth: 7 11/32-7 9/32 3 mth: 7⅜-7 11/32 6 mth 7 23/32-27/32
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 7 23/32
2 mth: 7 31/32 3 mth: 8 6 mth 8 17/32
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 7½ close 8¼
1 week: 7⅛-7 1 mth: 7 5/16-7¼ 3 mth: 7⅝-7 11/16
6 mth: 8 5/16-8¼ 9 mth: 8 11/16-8 9/16 12 mth: 8⅞-8¾
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 7⅛ 7 day: 7¼ 1 mth: 7 5/16
3 mth: 7¾ 6 mth: 8¼ 12 mth: 8⅝
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 7⅝-7½ 2 mth: 7⅝-7½ 3 mth: 7 13/16-7 9/16
6 mth: 8⅜-8¼ 9 mth: 8 11/16-8 7/16 12 mth: 8⅞-8⅝
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 7 5/16-7 3/16
3 mth: 7 9/16-7 7/16 6 mth: 8 1/16-7⅞ 12 mth 8⅝-8½
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 7.20-7.15
3 mth: 7.45-7.40 6 mth: 7.70-7.65 12 mth 8.10-8.05

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	7 1/16-6 15/16	7¼-7⅛	7½-7⅜	7⅞-7¾
Call: 7¼-6⅜				
Deutschemark:	3⅛-3	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 9/16-3 7/16	3⅞-3¾
Call: 3½-2½				
French Franc:	7 7/16-7 5/16	7 11/16-7 9/16	7⅞-7¾	8⅜-8
Call: 7½-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	2½-1⅞	2 5/16-2 3/16	2½-2⅜	2 13/16-11/16
Call: 2-1				
Yen:	4 3/16-4 1/16	4 5/16-4 3/16	4 5/16-4 3/16	4⅝-4½
Call: 3½-2½				

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £980.2m	allotted: £100m
Bids: £98.205%	received: 19%
Last week: £98.070%	received: 7%
Avge rate: £7.1813%	last wk £7.7161%
Next week: £100m	replace £100m

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $456.75-457.25 Close: $455.25-455.75
High: $457.25-457.75 Low: $454.50-455.00

COINS: **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $469.00-474.00 (£251.50-254.50)
Krugerrand: $455.00-457.00 (£243.50-245.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $469.00-474.00 (£251.50-254.50)
American Eagles: $469.00-474.00 (£251.50-254.50)
New Sovereigns: $107.25-108.25 (£57.50-58.25)
Old Sovereigns: $107.25-108.75 (£57.50-58.50)
Platinum: $555.25 (£297.90)
Palladium: $124.25 (£66.65)
Silver: $6.64-6.66 (£3.565-3.580)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 38582		
Jun 88	92.02	92.07	91.98	92.06	8207
Sep 88	91.25	91.28	91.23	91.28	2035
Dec 88	90.74	90.77	90.70	90.77	379
Mar 89	90.45	90.48	90.40	90.49	382
Jun 89	90.23	90.31	90.19	90.31	86
Sep 89	NT	—	—	90.13	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 38492		
Jun 88	92.37	92.39	92.36	92.36	989
Sep 88	91.87	91.88	91.84	91.85	2350
Dec 88	91.54	91.55	91.53	91.54	250
Mar 89	91.33	91.33	91.32	91.34	70
Jun 89	NT	—	—	91.15	0
Sep 89	NT	—	—	91.00	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7129		
Jun 88	85-29	86-02	85-23	85-28	7722
Sep 88	84-29	85-04	84-27	84-28	87
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 39471		
Jun 88	119-26	120-07	119-26	120-02	18874
Sep 88	95-20	95-30	95-20	95-25	2891
Dec 88	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 12450		
Jun 88	177.00	177.00	175.80	175.85	915
Sep 88	177.70	177.85	177.70	177.15	30
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 833		
Jun 88	106.48	106.64	106.40	106.64	639
Sep 88	105.15	105.40	105.09	105.32	149

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Physical crude firmed considerably with the recent problem cargoes now taken care of, but while sweet grades are looking a little healthier, sour grades are still over supplied. Gasoline showed pre-holiday weakness while naphtha firmed in a squeeze.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.40	+15
15 day Jun	16.60	+05
15 day Jul	16.75	+10
WTI Jun	17.40	+05
WTI Jul	17.70	+10

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-1	195-196	-1
Gasoil EEC		144-145	
Non 2H May		143-144	-1
Non 1H Jun		141-142	
3.5 Fuel Oil	+1	76-78	+1
Naphtha	+1	164-166	+1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Jul 88 Hi 1335-1240 Low Close 1270.0
Oct 88 Hi 1415-1326 Low Close 1345.0
Jan 89 Hi 1390-1350 Low Close 1380.0
Apr 89 Hi 1405-1385 Low Close 1385.0
Vol 1993 lots Open interest 2366

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Jun 142.00-41.75
Jul 142.00-41.75
Aug 143.75-43.50
Sep 144.75-44.50
Oct 146.00-45.50
Nov 149.00-47.50
Dec 150.75-48.50
Jan 151.75-49.25
Feb 152.50-50.00
Vol 3331

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter
Jun unq.
Jul unq.
Vol 0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	88.4	89.0
Feb	98.5	100.0
Apr	138.0	136.1
May	145.3	144.3
		Vol 290

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
May 935-934 Mar 1013-1012
Jul 951-950 May 1032-1030
Sep 970-969 Jul 1050-1047
Dec 989-986 Vol 5371

COFFEE G W Joynson
May 1061-1059 Jan 1106-1104
Jul 1078-1077 Mar 1115-1109
Sep 1086-1085 May 1125-1116
Nov 1095-1092 Vol 2422

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 3769
Aug 215.8-16.0 Mar 215.0-15.2
Oct 215.2-15.4 May 214.2-15.0
Dec 215.0-15.4 Aug 215.0-17.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 229
My 107.05 Jl 108.50 Sp 103.55
Nv 105.65 Ja 108.20 Mr 110.30

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 165
My 100.50 Sp 100.60 Nv 102.85
Ja 105.40 Mr 107.55 My 109.85

SOYABEAN
Jun 142.5-41.6 Feb 148.0-46.0
Aug 140.3-39.5 Apr 149.0-47.0
Oct 140.8-40.5 Jun 145.0-40.0
Dec 144.0-42.5 Vol 128

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1335.0-1340.0	1149.0-1150.0	303575	Steady
Copper Stand	1160.0-1180.0	1110.0-1120.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	362.00-363.00	336.00-339.00	45350	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde	642.00-643.00	625.00-626.00	109600	Firmer
Silver Large†	658.00-660.00	670.00-672.00	7	Quiet
Silver Small†	658.00-660.00	670.00-672.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1745.0-1755.0	1315.0-1317.0	391400	Easier
Aluminium Hi*	3270.0-3300.0	2480.0-2500.0	12325	Quiet
Nickel*	17500-17550	14300-14400	9888	Firmer

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	89.3	89.8
Aug	88.3	88.8
Oct	92.1	92.2
Nov	93.6	98.0

Live Cattle Contract

May	112.0	112.0
Jun	unq.	unq.
Jul	unq.	unq.

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on May 20

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	89.15	201.64	110.81
GB (+/–)	+2.06	–17.62	–1.90
Eng/Wal (%)	–6.1	+12.1	+2.3
Eng/Wal (p)	89.15	201.84	110.00
Eng/Wal (+/–)	+2.06	–17.55	–1.92
Scotland (%)	n/a	+94.3	+1.2
Scotland (p)	n/a	193.11	113.82
Scotland (+/–)	n/a	–22.44	–1.80

* Estimated dead carcase weight

هيئة أمينة الأرصفة

حملة امين الأصل

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Firm end to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 9. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day May 31.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 26).

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	TSB (aa)	Banks,Discount	
2	Adscene	Newspapers,Pub	
3	Tilbury Group	Building,Roads	
4	Relyon	Industrials L-R	
5	Williams Hldgs (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
6	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
7	GR	Industrials E-K	
8	Wholesale Fitting	Electricals	
9	Scott & Robertson	Industrials S-Z	
10	Hammerson	Property	
11	Barrett (H)	Industrials A-D	
12	Sirdar	Textiles	
13	Irish Distl	Breweries	
14	Fitch Lovell	Foods	
15	Parkdale	Property	
16	Acre Oil	Oil,Gas	
17	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
18	Mitel	Electricals	
19	Land Sec (aa)	Property	
20	Smith & Neph. (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
21	Abbey	Building,Roads	
22	Lamont	Textiles	
23	Brixton	Property	
24	Logica	Electricals	
25	BSR	Electricals	
26	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
27	Leslie Wise Gp	Drapery,Stores	
28	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
29	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Blue Circle (aa)	Building,Roads	
31	Lon & Edin Tst	Property	
32	Olives Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
33	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
34	Home Counties	Newspapers,Pub	
35	Pleasurama	Leisure	
36	Hambro Countrywd	Property	
37	Tyne Tees TV	Cinemas,TV	
38	Church	Drapery,Stores	
39	Laird	Industrials L-R	
40	Lowe HS & B	Paper,Print,Adv	
41	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
42	Waterford Glass	Industrials S-Z	
43	Ladbroke (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
44	Granada (aa)	Industrials E-K	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
179	147	Rothschild (J) Hld	153	157	..	8.2	5.3	8.2
373	318	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	333	337	+3	17.9	5.3	8.5
18	850	Schroders	825	925	-25	22.6	2.6	11.0
555	418	Stand Chart (aa)	433	437	●+5	48.0	11.0	5.4
116	96	TSB (aa)	96	98	●+1	5.3	5.5	8.5
818	515	Union	555	565	..	39.3	7.0	12.7
355	305	Warburg SG	315	320	+5	14.4	4.6	..
128	117	Do 6% 'A'	118	121	●+1	8.2	6.8	..
37⅞	23	Wells Fargo	28⅞		..	..		
453	258	Wintrust	435	480	● ..	8.8	2.0	17.6

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
429	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	420	425	+9	17.3	4.1	11.0
867	746½	Bass (aa)	810	820	+6	28.9	3.3	12.9
50	42	Belhaven	45	47	●+1	1.4	3.0	13.5
154	127	Boddington	140	145	+2	5.4	3.8	14.8
207	152	Buckleys	150	160	..	4.4	2.8	47.8
183	147	Bulmer (H P)	169	175	..	8.2	4.8	12.2
155	120	Burtonwood Brew	148	157	..	4.8	2.6	24.7
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	370	380	-5	13.7	3.7	12.5
359	292	Devenish (JA)	355	362	+9	4.1	1.1	31.9
221	175	Greenall Whitley	208	212	..	8.3	4.0	12.0
494	435	Greene King	455	460	..	9.3	2.0	23.5
323	271	Guinness (aa)	317	320	●+6	12.6	3.9	10.5
710	655	Hardys & Hansons	700	720	..	29.5	4.2	13.3
122	78	Highland Distl	118	120	● ..	3.5	2.9	18.6
226	187	Invergordon Distl	220	230	..	7.9	3.5	13.6
247	165	Irish Distl	240	250	+5			
121	110	Marston Thompson	118	121	..	3.6	3.0	15.2
517	463	Morland	505	525	+2	10.9	2.1	20.5
358	275	SA Breweries	285	320				
388	298	Scot & New (aa)	308	310	+7	11.3	3.7	17.1
584	480	Vaux Group	567	575	..	21.5b	3.8	17.4
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	288	293	-1	14.1	4.8	9.9
335	285	Do 'B'	325	345		12.6	3.8	14.1
329	274	Whitbread Inv	325	333	+6	12.3	3.7	38.3
398	350	Wolverhampton & D	388	395	+1	8.0	2.0	16.7
413	345	Young 'A'	403	423	..	12.3	3.0	24.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
250	143	Abbey	240	250	+3			
400	314	Amec	365	370	●-6	17.8	4.8	10.4
453	349	Anglia Sec	427	442	+2	2.7	0.6	25.6
55	38	Anglo Utd	40	43	-1	1.4	3.3	77.8
155	90	Arncliffe	135	140		4.3	3.2	8.4
325	247	Attwoods	275	288		8.9	3.2	15.8
389	246	BPB Ind (aa)	273	278	+2	8.6	3.5	12.0
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	303	313	+1	5.0	1.6	21.8
85	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	63	66	● ..	1.9	2.9	13.5
218	170	Barratt Devs	178	182	●+2	12.6	7.0	11.8
265	181	Bellway	250	255	●+3	11.0	4.3	12.2
113	85	Bellwinch	100	105	..	2.9	2.8	9.3
384	258	Berkeley Gp	338	342	..	3.6	1.1	19.6
103	83	Ben Bros	82	102	..	4.8	4.9	22.4
400	320	Blockleys	340	380	● ..	8.9	2.4	19.9
465	403	Blue Circle (aa)	417	420	●+4	20.6	4.9	8.8
353	314½	Boot (Henry)	330	345	● ..	19.3	5.7	8.0
295	167	Breedon PLC	203	233	●-5	8.7	4.0	23.1
148	109	Br Dredging	122	128	●-3	6.9	5.5	17.1
148	126	Bryant	141	143		4.4	3.1	16.8
123	105	CRH	117	120	+4			
115	108	Calebread Robey	105	115	..	5.2	4.7	13.8
328	258	Caradon	318	327	r ..	10.7	3.3	12.1
132	102	Church Charles	130	133	+3	1.4	1.1	14.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	344½	Atlantic Comp	352	360	●+1	9.6	2.7	8.6
137	77	Audio Fidelity	118	125		0.7	0.6	9.5
268	222	Auto Sec	238	242	●+15	3.0	1.3	15.0
86	35	Beacon Gp	35	40				
45	32	Bennett & Fountain	31	33		1.0	3.1	16.3
352	301	BICC (aa)	324	329	●+11	17.8	5.4	15.0
91	65	BSR	64	67	●+1	3.3	4.5	6.5
186	133	Black	174	181	+4	5.8	3.3	12.9
121	65	Borland	108	115	+3			
194	149	Bowthorpe	153	154	● ..	4.5b	3.0	11.6
218	174	Britannia Security	180	187	●+4	2.7	1.5	15.2
260	220	Br Telecom (aa)	239	240	-¼	12.1	5.1	11.4
111	81	Brown Boveri Kent	84	89	●+4	4.1	4.7	22.0
24	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14	17	-1	0.1	0.6	27.1
303	191	CAP Group	297	304	+1	2.6	0.9	28.8
104	53	CASE	95	98	+5	0.1	0.1	81
382	313	Cable Wireless (aa)	337	340	●+6	8.0	2.4	16.9
245	193	Cambridge Elec	230	235		11.6	5.0	11.5
58	34	Cambridge Instr	45	47	+1	1.0	2.2	5.0
65	47	Chloride	48	50		2.6	5.3	17.4
237	280	Cray Elect	196	206	+1	3.7	1.8	12.1
183	141	Crystalate	153	158		7.8	5.0	7.5
82	50	DDT Group	68	78	-2	1.6	2.2	12.9
105	75	Dale Elec	83	88	+1	5.1	5.9	17.8
63	38½	Dewhurst	56	61	+1	1.9	3.2	13.3
56	37½	Do 'A'	48	51	●	1.9	3.9	11.1
348	278	Domino	283	293	-2	3.8	1.3	14.3
64	53	Dowding & Mills	59	62	●	2.5	4.1	15.0
214	117	Dubilier	185	188	+1	4.8	2.6	10.2
213	176	Electrocomponents	200	204	●+2	5.3	2.6	15.8
128	97½	Elec Data Process	108	113	●+1	2.9	2.6	9.4
92	65	Electronic Mach	68	78		1.2	1.6	89.0
431	357	Emess	428	432	●+3	11.0	2.6	16.2
382	267	Eurotherm	355	365		8.2	2.3	13.1
143	112	FKI Babcock (aa)	123	125	..	2.2	1.8	16.8
181	147	Farnell Elect	151	155		4.8	3.1	11.7
93	76	Ferranti (aa)	77	79	+1	2.8	3.6	10.9
69	50	Forward Tech	57	62	● ..	1.4	2.3	9.8
169½	142	GEC (aa)	144	147	● ..	7.7	5.3	9.3
214	182	Harland Simon	198	205	+3	2.6b	1.3	26.1
69	46	Highland Elect	56	59		3.4	5.9	8.6
278	195	Hoskyns Gp	258	268	-2	2.9	1.1	23.6
65	45	ITL Gp	42	47	..	2.7	6.0	
210	150	Jones Stroud	160	180	..	7.2	4.2	11.1
385	328	Kode	368	378		21.2	5.7	12.2
380	250	Lec Refrigeration	365	375	●+2	18.5	5.0	10.3
308	237	Logica	302	310	r +4	2.5	0.8	21.5
293	225	Micro 4	285	300	+2	4.5	1.5	26.3
242	173	Memec	237	245	● ..	5.7	2.4	15.7
95	67	MBS	71	76	●+1	1.4	1.9	17.0
458	288	Microfilm Repro	450	465	●+2	4.3	0.9	45.3
180	85	Micro Focus	157	167	-3			16.4
315	244	Microgen	283	290		7.5	2.6	17.7
190	120	Mitel	132	137	+7	..	..	
24¼	19¼	Molex	19½	20½				
79	43	Multitone Elect	51	56		2.1e	3.9	40.6
44	28	Murray Elect	30	33	-1	0.3	0.9	84.2
305	253	Newmark (Louis)	290	305		19.6	6.6	14.3
110	88½	NEI	91	94	●+1	7.7b	7.7	30.1
122	65	NMW Comp	71	78	●+1	3.4	4.5	14.2
24	16	Oceonics	15	18	+1			3.4
248	200	Oxford Instruments	198	203	+1	3.4	1.7	7.3
232	135	P-E International	202	212	● ..	4.9	2.4	14.2
69	50	Peek	51	52		0.4	0.8	33.9
61	37	Pericom	49	51	● ..	1.1	2.2	29.6
82½	77½	Philips Fin 5¾%	78	81		575	7.3	
8⅞	7	Philips Lamps N/V	7¾		+⅛			
260	239	Pilco	234	244		9.6	4.0	9.6
189	174	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	178	185		9.6	5.3	7.3
178	141	Plessey (aa)	153	156	-1	7.9	5.1	9.7
183	117	Pressac	150	155	-1	2.3	1.5	15.5

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1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
15¼	11½	Hamilton	14¼		+¼			
200	165	Hunting P S	190	190	●	12.3	6.6	11.0
36	16	KCA Drilling	19	21				5.4
77	40	Kelt Energy	46	49	r -1			
426	271	LASMO (aa)	418	422	●+11	10.6r	2.5	37.6
182	140	Do Units	172	185	-2	41.7	23.3	
28	13	Marinex	21	23	-1			
28	16	New London Oil	16	18				
57	27	Oil Search	55	59	+2			
64	47	[illegible]	58	55		2.5	4.8	8.2
1⅞	1	Petroz	1⅛	1¼				
73	50½	Premier	64	66	+2½			34.4
333	221	Ranger	298	303				
67½	59¼	Royal Dutch	62⅝		●+⅛			
11	969	Shell (aa)	10¼	10⅜		65.8	6.3	11.1
328	243	[illegible]	305	315		12.3	4.0	10.0
118	91	Sovereign	112	115	+4			30.0
17	12	TR Energy	12	14				12.7
15	5	Target	4	6				
180	118	Triton Europe	172	175	+2			
316	173	Ultramar (aa)	280	285	+4	8.9	3.1	27.6
74	44	Woodside	72	76	+2			

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
53	33	Boustead	47	49	●+1	0.7	1.5	21.9
147	135	[illegible]	143	145		9.7	6.6	21.6
100	78	Finlay (James)	75	80		5.7	7.3	
631	548	Harrison Crosfield	590	600	-1	34.7	5.8	12.7
744	620	Inchcape (aa)	723	733	●	37.0	5.1	9.9
239	195	Lonrho (aa)	212	213	s +1½	15.3	7.2	9.9
71	47	Ocean Wilson	49	54	-2	3.3	6.3	17.6
332	305	Paterson Zoch	305	315		9.9	3.2	9.6
332	305	Do 'A'	305	315	+3	9.9	3.2	9.6
301	230	Polly Peck	295	300	-1	10.6	3.6	7.1
74	52	Sime Darby	68	74	●+1			
108	71	Tozer Kemsley	94	96	●+1	2.9	3.1	9.5

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
245	202	Abbott Mead	232	243	●	6.2	2.6	12.2
103	35	Addison Cons	35	38	s +1	3.7	10.0	8.5
277	241	Assoc Paper	240	245		11.0	4.5	10.8
355	270	BPP	290	340	-5	9.0	2.9	18.8
138	108	Barker (Charles)	123	128	●	4.5	3.6	21.0
215	180	Bemrose	205	210	●	13.7b	6.6	12.6
302	241	Boase Massimi	246	253		10.7b	4.3	13.7
250	205	Brunning	218	228	-2	5.1	2.3	55.9
189	129	Bunzl (aa)	127	130	●	6.9	5.3	11.5
778	653	Carlton Comm	770	785	+18	7.3	0.9	28.1
313	279	Chapman	265	290		13.0	4.7	12.5
225	173	Cropper (James)	195	210		2.4	1.2	10.2
407	357	DRG	381	385	●	14.7	3.8	14.3
125	96	Davidson Pearce	125	127	+3	4.5	3.6	10.8
80	65	Delyn Packaging	72	77	●+2	1.5	2.0	14.4
336	262	Ferguson Ind	267	272	+1	12.7	4.7	11.9

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
527	412	Tomkinsons	515	535	..	10.7	2.0	14.2
127	93	Tootal	100	103	r +1	6.2	6.1	9.0
50	34	West Trust	35	40	r ..	e	..	12.6
240	195	Yorklyde	215	225	..	11.0	5.0	7.2

TOBACCOS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
480	399	BAT (aa)	400	402	●+1	23.2	5.8	7.6
138	128	Carroll	125	140			..	..
436	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	413	417	+2	11.2	2.7	11.5

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FAMILY MONEY/INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded return at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c	1.70	1.71	1.37	1 min	0-7 day	—
Girobank	2.00	2.02	1.62	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:						
National Westminster	4.88	4.88	3.90	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	5.38	5.38	4.30	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	4.41	4.41	3.53	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	5.08	5.08	4.06	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary A/c	3.50	3.50	2.80	1 min	—	—
Britannia[1]	5.65	5.65	4.52	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West[1]	6.30	6.30	5.04	500 min	—	—
Bradford & Bingley	5.75	5.75	4.60	1,000 min	—	—
Bristol & West	6.55	6.55	5.24	5,000 min	—	—
Bristol & West	6.80	6.80	5.44	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	6.75	6.75	5.40	20,000 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS						
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	5.18	5.30	4.24	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	6.33	6.52	5.22	3,000 min	—	01-629 6802
Bank Of Scotland	5.18	5.30	4.24	2,500 min	—	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	5.00	5.10	4.08	500 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	5.10	5.20	4.16	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	4.89	5.00	4.00	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	5.50	6.00	4.80	2,000 min	—	01-741 4941
HFC Bank Plc	6.50	6.61	5.29	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	5.18	5.30	4.24	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	5.00	5.06	4.05	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[4]	5.50	5.50	4.40	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds HICA‡	4.20	4.28	3.42	1,000 min	—	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	4.89	5.00	4.00	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	4.75	4.84	3.87	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	5.20	5.30	4.24	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	5.00	5.10	4.08	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	5.13	5.22	4.18	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	4.61	4.69	3.75	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	4.70	4.78	3.82	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	5.47	5.58	4.46	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Bank PLC	6.14	6.32	5.06	1,000 min	—	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	5.27	5.38	4.30	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P HIBA	5.00	5.13	4.10	500 min	—	0708 766966
Schroder Wagg	4.89	5.00	4.00	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	5.26	5.37	4.30	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	5.37	5.48	4.38	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	5.56	5.67	4.54	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	5.08	5.20	4.16	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[2]	5.00	3.75	3.00	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	8.50	6.38	5.10	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	9.00	6.75	5.40	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	9.00	6.75	5.40	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
33rd Issue Cert[3]†	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 31971
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 31971
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 31971
Canterbury Life	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000 min	4 yrs	0227 457375
Time Assurance	8.00	8.00	6.40	1,000 min	5 yrs	061-624-7299
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	7.05	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	6.20	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	2.96	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.31	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.73	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	1.98	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] Societies chose based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [2] 2.5 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [3] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [4] Charge for instant access

UPDATE: Down, down down. Base rates fell this week by 0.5 percentage points to 7.5 per cent and other rates have followed suit. The high-interest cheque accounts have mooved smartly down in line, while bank deposit rates are down by 0.2 or 0.3 percentage points. Girobank's ordinary seven-day deposit is still at the old 2 per cent for the time being.

The mortgage lenders are holding fire to see if the interest rate cuts hold and building society savers rates will follow at a later date.

But inflation is up again. The year-on-year retail prices index has gone up from 3.5 per cent to 3.9 per cent.

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (Apr '87 to Apr '88)
+3.9%

Mortgage rate*
9.75%

Bank base rate
7.5%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
10.5-15% APR

Personal loan rate*
19% APR

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Credit card rate*
23.1% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
1.7%

Building society ordinary account
3.5%

High-interest cheque account*
5.50%

Holiday exchange rates — £ buys*

Spanish peseta	203.94
French franc	10.47
Greek drachma	243.54
Italian lira	2296.80

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	7.50%
Adam & Company	7.50%
BCCI	7.50%
Consolidated Crds	7.50%
Co-operative Bank	7.50%
C. Hoare & Co	7.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	7.50%
Lloyds Bank	7.50%
Nat Westminster	7.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	7.50%
TSB	7.50%
Citibank NA	7.50%

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.70	12.32	+0.01	..
Bear	11.85	12.48	-0.06	..
Owl	14.44	15.20	-0.13	..
Bull	13.03	13.72	+0.06	..
Stag	13.50	14.22	+0.18	..
Gilt Edged	11.98		-0.01	..
Deposit	10.86		-0.10	
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.2	13.9	+	..
Bear	13.68	14.40	-0.09	..
Owl	17.50	18.43	-0.15	..
Bull	15.52	16.34	+0.14	
Stag	15.76	16.59	+0.23	
Gilt Edged	13.08		-0.01	
Deposit	11.87		+0.21	..
Exempt App Mixed	171.9	175.4	-0.07	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	230.1	242.3	+0.1	..
Do Accum	333.3	350.9	+0.2	..
Equity Fund Income	112.0	117.9	-1.8	..
Do Accum	123.9	130.5	-2.0	..
Selective Fund	272.3	286.7	-1.6	..
Money Fund	240.5	253.2	+0.2	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	264.0	277.9	+0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	127.6	134.4	-1.5	..
Man Ser 4	356.6	375.4	-1.2	..
Conv Ser 4	215.0	226.4	+0.2	..
Money Ser 4	214.8	226.2	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	211.7	222.9	-0.2	..
American Ser 4	236.4	248.9	+2.5	..
High Inc Ser 4	356.6	375.4	-2.4	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	119.9	126.3	+0.4	..
Japan Ser 4	278.1	292.8	+2.7	..
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	850.1	894.7	+2.3	..
European Fd Accum	182.3	191.9	+1.4	..
Fixed Int Acc	338.2	356.0	+0.9	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	219.3	230.8	+0.1	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	340.2	358.1	+1.2	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	195.3	205.5	+0.4	..
Japan Fund	299.1	314.8	+3.4	..
Nth American Fd Acc	139.4	146.7	-1.2	..
Prop Fd Acc	257.4	270.9	+0.7	..
Multiple Inv Acc	586.4	617.2	+1.6	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	243.5	256.4	+0.2	..
Equity Accum	711.7	749.2	-3.1	..
Property Accum	411.5	433.2	+0.3	..
Far East Accum	170.2	179.2	+0.9	..
Managed Capital	330.6	348.0	-1.1	..
Do Accum	565.2	595.0	-1.7	..
Overseas Accum	466.4	491.0	-3.9	..
Gilt Edged Accum	306.2	322.4	+0.9	..
Amer Equity Accum	335.1	352.8	-1.6	..
Amer Man Accum	158.9	168.4	-0.8	..
Amer Prop Accum	125.0	131.6	+0.6	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-26 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 9898				
Managed Growth	284.0	298.9	-5.87	..
Managed Income	130.3	137.2	-0.69	..
International	166.1	174.4	-5.80	..
High Income	194.4	204.6	-1.53	..
Income & Growth	253.6	267.0	-2.88	..
Basic Resource	104.9	110.4	-2.24	..
American	141.8	148.4	-5.30	..
Japan & General	447.1	460.2	-5.36	..
Special Situations	228.2	240.3	-3.41	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	523.7	551.3	+0.6	..
Do Initial	435.8	458.8	+0.6	..
Gilt Edged Accum	233.5	245.8	-0.2	..
Do Initial	196.0	206.4	-0.1	..
International Accum	259.1	272.8	+4.4	..
Do Initial	216.1	227.5	+3.6	..
Managed Accum	341.7	359.7	+1.4	..
Do Initial	285.4	300.5	+1.2	..
Money Accum	190.4	200.5	..	..
Do Initial	154.1	162.3	..	..
Property Accum	246.3	259.3	..	..
Do Initial	203.7	214.5	..	..
America Accum	141.8	149.3	+3.0	..
Do Initial	120.3	126.7	+2.5	..
Australia Accum	142.1	149.6	+9.4	..
Do Initial	120.8	127.2	+7.9	..
Financial Accum	239.6	252.3	+1.2	..
Do Initial	203.3	214.1	+1.1	..
500 Accum	281.2	296.1	..	..
Do Initial	235.3	247.7	..	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	406.3	427.7	+8.0	..
Do Initial 2	337.8	355.6	+10.6	..
Income Accum	291.9	307.3	-0.2	..
Do Initial	245.6	258.6	-0.1	..
Leisure Accum	192.2	202.4	+0.9	..
Special Sits Accum	149.2	157.1	+0.3	..
Univ Tech Accum	100.3	105.6	+1.7	..
Do Initial	87.1	91.7	+1.5	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham 8 Kent ME4 4JF 0634 405161				
The Managed Fund	426.37		+2.84	..
Income Fund	426.3	448.7	+0.27	..
Extra Income Fund	394.1	414.9	-4.22	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	294.0	309.5	-2.39	..
Balanced Fund	352.2	370.7	+2.57	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	530.1	558.0	-0.25	..
Int Technology Fund	287.1	302.2	-3.98	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	196.5	206.9	-3.34	..
Energy Int Fund	115.6	121.7	-1.00	..
Pacific Basin Fund	267.5	281.6	-1.46	..
German Growth Fd	89.13	93.83	-1.84	..
Japan Growth Fd	174.6	183.8	+0.19	..
The UK Gth Fd	125.6	132.3	+0.51	..
Contl Euro Gth	61.17	64.39	-0.91	..
Property Fund	217.2	228.7	+0.08	..
Fixed Interest Fund	211.5	222.6	+0.84	..
Cash Fund	188.5	198.3	+0.11	..
Managed Inv Fund	271.3	285.5	+1.82	..
Nth Amer Recov	109.8	115.6	-1.19	..
CANADA LIFE 2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	180.2		..	..
Managed	189.2	199.2	+0.1	..
Property	143.4	151.0	+0.1	..

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Gilt & Fixed Int	152.2	160.3	..	..
Index-Linked	122.9	129.4	+0.4	..
Equity	209.3	220.4	-0.5	..
Cash	148.8	156.7	-0.1	..
Midland Bk UT	206.0	216.8	-0.1	..
Midland Bk Int	202.5	213.2	+0.3	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units	274.98		-0.17	
Property Units	£29.43		..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£37.34	39.51	+0.12	..
2nd Equity Accum	370.0	391.5	-0.6	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	355.1	375.8	+0.6	..
2nd Property Accum	256.7	271.6	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	120.6	127.6	-0.1	..
2nd Managed Acc	268.5	282.0	+0.9	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	114.1	120.7	+0.9	..
2nd Deposit Accum	189.4	200.4	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	201.2	212.9	+0.4	..
2nd Amer Accum	205.2	217.1	+0.1	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	190.1	201.2	-0.3	..
2nd Index Accum	116.2	123.0	+0.7	..
2nd Far East Accum	232.4	245.9	+5.9	..
2nd Global Accum	61.1	65.6	+0.6	..
2nd Euro Accum	72.8	77.0	-0.2	..
2nd Japan Accum	155.0	164.0	+2.4	..
2nd Heritage Acc	91.8	97.1	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	88.9	94.1	-0.2	..
2nd Strat Opp Acc	..		..	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	154.2	162.4	..	..
Money Fund	248.3	261.4	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	443.7	467.1	+1.6	..
Equity Fund	321.9	338.9	+1.7	..
Fixed Interest Fund	165.9	174.7	+0.4	..
Far East Fund	235.1	247.5	-0.8	..
Nth Amer Fund	116.1	122.3	-1.2	..
Nat Resources Fund	177.9	187.3	+1.6	..
Alexandra Fund	105.9	111.5	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	148.4	156.3	-0.8	..
Equity	184.3	194.1	-2.3	..
Property	148.4	156.3	+0.8	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	126.5	133.2	-0.6	..
Indexed Secs	101.4	106.8	+0.4	..
Cash	120.1	126.5	+0.1	..
Nth American	87.4	92.1	-2.8	..
Far East	151.2	159.2	+1.2	..
International	111.8	117.7	-0.5	..
Special Sits	156.6	164.9	-1.0	..
Intl Income	157.7	166.1	-1.5	..
American Inc	89.4	94.2	-1.4	..
European	131.0	137.9	+1.5	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	146.3	154.1	-0.9	..
Equity	166.2	175.0	-1.9	..
Property	138.7	146.0	+0.6	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	143.6	151.2	-0.3	..
Index Linked	107.1	112.8	-0.3	..
Cash	133.8	140.9	+0.2	..
Nth American	94.9	99.9	-2.8	..
Far East Acc	199.0	209.5	+1.2	..
International Acc	128.1	134.9	-0.9	..
Special Sits	224.2	236.0	-1.9	..
European Flex	158.0	166.4	+1.8	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9861				
CML U Ass.Key	169.51		..	..
CML U Ass:Pacemkr	210.48		..	..
CML U Ass:Cash	135.8	142.9	..	..
CML U Ass.Equity	316.8	333.4	..	..
CML U Ass.FI	207.1	218.0	..	..
CML U Ass:Mngd	242.4	255.2	..	..
CML U Ass:Prop	316.7	333.3	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	135.9	143.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	158.1	166.4	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Cap	684.9	721.0	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Inv	796.6	838.6	..	..
CML(Pen):Fixd Cap	236.1	248.5	..	..
CML(Pen):Fixd Inv	274.6	289.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Cap	136.9	144.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Inv	159.2	167.6	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	326.4	343.6	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	378.7	398.6	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	380.82		+81.00	..
Var Ann (5)	60.67		..	..
Prime- Managed	242.4	255.2	-1.1	..
Prime- UK Equity	288.5	303.7	-2.8	..
Prime- Int Equity	176.1	185.4	-0.2	..
Prime- Property	146.5	154.3	+0.8	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	158.9	167.3	-0.4	..
Prime- Index-Linked	106.3	111.9	+0.5	..
Prime- Cash	132.0	139.0	+0.2	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	682.0	717.8	..	..
Equity Fund	956.4	1006.7	..	..
PIP Fund	£29.022		..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	331.4	348.8	-0.6	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	250.8	263.9	-0.5	..
Life Equity Accum	411.2	432.8	-2.0	..
Life Money Accum	193.5	203.6	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	401.6	422.7	-3.6	..
Life Intl Accum	298.2	313.8	+1.1	..
Life High Inc Accum	438.5	461.5	-0.3	..
Life Property Accum	204.0	214.7	+1.3	..
Crown Brq Inv A	614.8	667.1	..	..
Brewin Equity	641.3	675.0	..	..
DBS Managed	210.9	222.0	..	..
Growth Accum	245.8	258.7	..	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
Measured perf	91.6	96.9	+0.5	..
Performance Plus	86.4	91.4	+0.5	..
With Profit Perf	108.0	112.2	+0.1	..
UK Opportunity	116.7	123.5	-0.2	..
Euro Opportunity	77.9	82.4	+1.8	..
North Amer Opp	73.8	78.1	+0.5	..
Far East Opp	93.6	99.1	+1.6	..

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Gth Prop Series 1	157.0	165.3	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	120.9	127.9	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	108.1	114.4	+0.6	..
Cash	103.9	109.9	..	..
Managed Pens	319.6	324.9	..	..
Overseas	79.3	83.9	+1.4	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	113.0	119.0	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	144.4	152.1	-0.2	..
Adventurous Fund	151.5	159.5	+1.1	..
Performance Fund	155.2	163.4	+1.2	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	174.1	180.4	+0.2	4.54
EQUITY & LAW Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	479.7	504.9	-2.4	..
Higher Income Fund	499.6	525.8	-1.0	..
Property Fund	332.9	350.4	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	265.3	279.2	+0.6	..
Index-Linked Secs Fd	110.0	115.7	+0.9	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	191.6	201.6	+0.2	..
Nth America Fund	195.4	205.4	-0.2	..
Far East Fund	338.8	356.6	+2.8	..
Europe Fund	173.2	182.3	+1.7	..
International Fund	272.2	286.5	+0.6	..
Mixed Fund	371.7	391.2	..	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	169.1	178.1	+3.0	..
UK Equity	203.9	214.7	-0.4	..
Stewardship	211.9	223.1	-0.5	..
Overseas Equity	158.2	166.5	+0.4	..
North American	75.5	79.6	+0.1	..
Pacific Basin	93.9	98.9	+0.5	..
European	80.3	84.6	+1.4	..
Property	162.6	171.2	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	143.5	151.1	+0.4	..
Index Linked	103.7	109.2	+0.7	..
Cash	128.5	135.3	+0.1	..
GT MANAGEMENT 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ 01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	171.3	180.4	+0.4	..
GT Plan High Yield	221.2	232.9	-0.2	..
GT Plan Far East	223.0	234.8	+6.6	..
GT Plan North Amer	105.8	111.2	+1.9	..
GT Plan Uk & GE	298.5	314.3	-0.6	..
GT Plan Worldwide	235.9	248.4	+3.6	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE 2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	124.7	131.3	+0.1	..
UK Equity	173.8	182.9	-0.7	..
Fixed Int	126.5	133.2	+0.1	..
Index-Linked	101.9	107.3	+0.8	..
Cash Deposit	115.0	121.1	..	..
Property	124.7	131.3	+0.6	..
International	98.1	103.3	-0.3	..
American	73.3	77.2	+0.3	..
Japan	145.7	153.4	+1.2	..
Japan Smlr Co's	148.7	156.5	+2.2	..
European	89.6	94.3	+0.8	..
Pacific Fund	86.7	91.3	+1.8	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	467.9		+2.5	..
Do Init	321.2		+1.6	..
Do Inv a	467.8	492.6	+2.6	..
UK Equity	253.1	266.5	+1.6	..
Oseas Equity	131.6	138.6	+0.7	..
Smaller Cos	166.6	175.4	+3.6	..
Gilt Plus	136.9	144.2	+0.7	..
Do 88	124.9	131.6	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Dep	122.3	128.9	-0.1	..
Managed	192.1	202.3	+1.1	..
Inter Man	148.6	156.5	+0.8	..
GRESHAM UNIT 2-5, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	440.3	464.0	+0.8	..
Money Fund	206.2	217.1	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	369.6	389.5	+2.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	163.7	172.5	+1.0	..
Property Fund	277.1	292.0	..	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	214.7	226.2	-1.0	..
Income	450.4	474.6	-2.1	..
International Grwth	260.4	274.4	+0.1	..
Capital Fund	451.8	476.0	-0.3	..
Recovery Fund	299.7	315.8	-0.3	..
Japan & General	188.8	198.9	+2.3	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	568.3	591.9	..	..
Managed Initial	323.5	340.5	-1.4	..
Do Accum	398.1	419.1	-1.5	..
Equity Initial	488.1	513.8	-1.6	..
Do Accum	600.7	632.3	-2.0	..
Fixed Int Initial	278.2	292.8	-0.6	..
Do Accum	342.4	360.4	-0.8	..
Intl Initial	321.8	338.7	+4.2	..
Do Accum	396.0	416.8	+5.3	..
Nth Amer Initial	105.5	111.1	+1.0	..
Do Accum	118.2	124.4	+1.1	..
Pacific Initial	200.4	210.9	+1.7	..
Do Accum	222.3	234.0	+2.0	..
Property Initial	180.1	189.6	..	..
Do Accum	221.4	233.1	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	103.3	108.7	+0.2	..
Do Accum	115.7	121.8	+0.3	..
Deposit Initial	145.5	153.2	+0.1	..
Do Accum	179.1	188.5	+0.2	..
Euro Initial	66.7	70.1	+1.2	..
Do Accum	69.0	72.6	+1.2	..
Unit Linked Insr Inc	66.7	70.1	+1.2	..
Do Accum	69.0	72.6	+1.2	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	309.4	328.6	+0.5	..
Gilt Edged Fund	92.0	97.1	+0.2	..
Capital Growth Inc	288.6	304.6	+2.0	..
Technology Fund	134.7	142.2	+3.1	..
Natural Resources	106.5	112.5	+2.4	..
Special Situations	255.6	268.8	+1.1	..

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North America Fund	175.6	185.4	+0.4	..
Far East Fund	317.9	335.6	+4.1	..
Managed Fund	307.8	324.9	+1.1	..
Deposit Fund	148.2	156.0	+0.1	..
Prima Residential	165.3	174.1	..	..
Property Fund	227.9	239.9	+1.4	..
Managed Currency	113.4	119.7	+0.1	..
Global Health Care	130.9	138.2	+2.2	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355				
Security Fund	297.3	313.0	-2.8	..
British Fund	282.0	296.7	-1.4	..
International Fund	262.5	276.4	-0.1	..
Dollar Fund	181.1	190.4	-0.8	..
Capital Fund	266.6	280.7	-1.8	..
Income Fund	359.1	378.0	-0.9	..
Property Series 'A'	288.3	303.5	..	..
Property Units	480.3	504.4	..	..
Financial Fund	267.6	281.7	-0.7	..
Managed Series 'A'	305.3	321.4	-2.5	..
Do 'C'	209.8	220.9	-1.9	..
Managed Units	536.4	564.7	-4.2	..
High Yield Fund	351.7	370.3	-0.1	..
Money Series 'A'	186.6	196.5	+0.3	..
Money Units	240.5	253.5	+0.4	..
Equity Fund	337.0	354.8	-3.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	228.9	241.0	-0.5	..
Indexed Secs Fund	114.8	120.9	-0.2	..
European Fund	337.8	355.6	+1.2	..
Natural Res Fund	163.1	171.7	+2.1	..
Far East Fund	378.0	395.8	+2.1	..
Smaller Co's Fund	389.9	410.5	-0.4	..
Special Sits Fund	300.3	316.2	-1.5	..
Man Currency Fund	162.0	170.6	..	..
Japanese Tech	199.0	209.5	+0.5	..
US Smaller Co's	84.2	88.7	+0.2	..
IMPERIAL TRIDENT LIFE LTD 69, London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE 0452 500500				
(Formerly Imperial Life Ass of Can)				
Growth Fund	306.9	333.7	+0.2	..
Managed Fd	244.0	257.0	+1.3	..
Fixed Int Fd	247.8	261.0	+0.6	..
Secure Cap Fd	181.7	191.3	..	..
Equity Fd	715.3	753.0	+0.6	..
Property Fd	197.3	207.8	..	..
(Formerly Trident Life)				
Managed	309.5	325.8	+1.5	..
Gtd Mgd	332.5	350.2	+0.6	..
Property	351.8	370.4	+0.3	..
American	209.4	220.5	+2.3	..
UK Equity Fd	410.2	431.9	+0.3	..
High Yield	476.3	501.5	+0.4	..
Gilt Edged	284.1	299.2	+0.6	..
Money	262.3	276.2	+0.1	..
International	238.9	251.6	+2.1	..
Henderson Active	129.1	136.0	..	..
Perpetual Active	149.2	157.2	+1.8	..
Growth Cap	281.0	295.9	+1.1	..
Do Accum	370.9	390.6	+1.5	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY 01-638 1731				
Prop Mod Gth Ser 3	166.4	175.2	-1.1	..
Blue Chip Series 3	293.2	308.6	-2.7	..
Managed Series 3	262.4	276.2	-3.9	..
Global Managed 3	311.6	328.0	+2.0	..
Global Property 3	165.8	174.5	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	311.9	328.3	+2.4	..
Global Equity 3	342.9	360.9	+2.1	..
Global Cash 3	132.1	139.1	+0.1	..
High Inc Series 3	£10.13	10.67	-0.21	..
LAS GROUP 10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	213.8	227.1	+0.3	..
UK Equity	337.5	358.0	-6.4	..
Property	237.2	249.8	..	..
Money Market	160.5	172.5	-1.4	..
Fixed Interest	193.0	204.7	-0.9	..
Japan	338.0	358.6	-8.2	..
North America	91.7	97.4	-1.2	..
International	183.7	194.9	-1.7	..
Natural Res Fnd	39.8	42.3	+0.6	..
European	124.3	131.2	-0.1	..
Far East	94.1	99.3	-0.6	..
High Technology	117.5	124.1	+2.3	..
Special Sits	85.3	90.1	+1.5	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 724588				
Bldg Soc Linkd Init	108.2	113.9	+0.1	..
Do Accum	120.8	127.2	+0.2	..
Brit Opps Int	97.0	102.2	-0.5	..
Do Accum	98.4	103.6	-0.5	..
Cash Initial	133.4	140.5	+0.1	..
Do Accum	187.5	197.4	+0.1	..
Equity Initial	412.5	434.3	-2.4	..
Do Accum	579.8	610.4	-3.4	..
Fixed Initial	261.6	275.4	+0.1	..
Do Accum	367.7	387.1	..	..
Index-Linked Gilt	97.7	102.9	+0.4	..
Do Accum	117.2	123.4	+0.5	..
Intl Initial	239.3	251.9	+1.8	..
Do Accum	331.3	348.8	+2.8	..
Managed Initial	313.8	330.4	-0.8	..
Do Accum	441.2	464.5	-1.0	..
Property Initial	184.9	194.7	+0.1	..
Do Accum	260.0	273.7	+0.3	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY 11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP 01-248 9678				
L & G (29)	214.9	222.1	..	..
LONDON LIFE 100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	505.6		-1.6	..
Fixed Interest	248.2		+1.0	..
Property	259.8		+0.3	..
Deposit	187.0		+0.2	..
Mixed	338.6		+0.1	..
Indexed Stock	125.2		-0.1	..
International	154.3		+0.8	..
Equity A	118.6		-0.4	..
Fixed Int A	111.2		+0.5	..
Property A	115.3		+0.1	..
Deposit A	111.0		+0.1	..
Mixed A	112.3			..
Index Stock A	98.9		-0.2	..
International A	97.3		+0.5	..
Equity P	413.8		-0.7	..
Fixed Int P	293.4		+1.3	..
Property P	217.0		+0.3	..
Deposit P	187.8		+0.3	..
Mixed P	299.8		+0.3	..
Index Stock P	141.0		-0.4	..
International P	189.3		+1.0	..

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LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap	399.9		..	..
Do Accum	507.3		+0.3	..
Property Cap	147.8		-0.1	..
Do Accum	184.1		..	..
Fixed Interest Cap	164.8		+0.1	..
Do Accum	204.5		+0.3	..
Equity Cap	211.3		+0.5	..
Do Accum	263.7		+0.8	..
International Cap	165.5		+1.1	..
Do Accum	205.5		+1.5	..
Gtd Deposit Cap	148.5		..	..
Do Accum	184.2		+0.1	..
Flexible Cap	248.1		+0.5	..
Do Accum	309.6		+0.8	..
Moneymaker Fund	246.3		+0.2	..
Capital Growth Fund	802.8		+3.2	..
M & G Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	173.8	182.6	-1.6	..
Amer Rec Bond	212.4	223.1	-0.5	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	82.1	86.3	-0.4	..
Australasia Bond	131.9	138.6	+2.3	..
Commodity Bond	168.7	177.3	+0.2	..
Deposit Bond Acc	234.2	246.0	+0.1	..
Equity Bond Accum	711.8	747.4	-5.7	..
European Bond Acc	160.1	168.2	+0.9	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	387.0	406.4	+1.7	..
Far East Bd Accum	115.3	121.2	-1.5	..
Gilt Bond Accum	271.1	284.8	+0.9	..
Gold Bond Accum	94.4	99.2	+0.4	..
High Yield Bond	255.2	268.1	+0.5	5.66
Index-Linked Gt Bd	131.8	138.5	+0.6	..
International Bond	376.4	395.4	-0.4	..
Japan Bond Acc	236.3	248.2	-8.1	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	192.2	201.9	-1.2	..
Managed Bonds	475.5	499.4	-1.8	..
Prop Bond Accum	304.6	320.0	-1.0	..
Rec Bond Accum	374.5	393.4	-2.3	..
MGM ASSURANCE MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	202.3	213.0	-0.7	..
Do Accum	232.8	245.1	-0.8	..
Special Sits Fund	204.8	215.6	-0.7	..
Do Accum	235.7	248.2	-0.6	..
North American Fd	116.1	122.3	+0.8	..
Do Accum	133.7	140.8	+0.9	..
Pacific Basin Fund	269.7	283.9	+0.9	..
Do Accum	310.6	327.0	+1.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	220.3	231.9	+0.7	..
Do Accum	253.4	266.8	+0.9	..
Property Fund	138.1	145.4	..	..
Do Accum	158.9	167.3	..	..
Deposit Fund	114.7	120.8	..	..
Do Accum	132.1	139.1	+0.1	..
Managed Fund	195.4	205.7	..	..
Do Accum	224.8	236.7	-0.1	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE St Georges Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	417.1	439.0	..	..
Property Fund	333.5	351.1	..	..
Equity Fund	502.1	528.6	..	..
Gilt Edged Fund	380.7	400.7	..	..
Deposit Fund	212.4	223.6	..	..
Investment Fund	212.8	223.5	..	..
International Fund	322.6	339.6	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 01-686 9171				
Property	368.9		+3.6	..
Equity Bond	173.6		+0.6	..
Money Market Bond	317.1		+0.3	..
Deposit Fund	246.2		+0.2	..
Managed Fund	274.3		+0.9	..
Intl Equity	291.1		+3.5	..
Intl Managed	275.3		+2.4	..
North American	106.2		+1.0	..
Far East	258.7		+6.5	..
Intl Currency	180.1		+0.5	..
NM SCHRODER LIFE Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	81.1	85.3	+0.4	..
Fixed Interest	339.3	357.1	..	..
Managed	408.6	430.1	+2.3	..
Deposit	225.2	237.0	+0.2	..
Overseas	226.4	238.3	+0.6	..
Property	318.1	334.8	+1.8	..
American	196.6	209.0	+4.5	..
Australian	219.6	231.1	+15.2	..
European	258.4	272.0	-3.0	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	183.7	193.3	+0.7	..
Global Managed	94.5	99.4	+1.0	..
Income Accum	437.1	460.1	+1.6	..
Do Dist	314.7	331.2	+1.1	..
International	237.1	249.5	+2.4	..
Japan Smaller	297.0	312.6	+7.6	..
Singapore & Mal	109.1	114.8	+2.1	..
Smaller Companies	375.2	394.9	-0.9	..
Tokyo Fund	460.2	484.4	+6.3	..
UK Equity	356.8	375.5	+0.8	..
CCM Vang'd Mgd	389.8	410.3	..	..
Equity Pension Cap	559.2	588.6	+3.3	..
Overseas Pension	250.1	263.2	+1.0	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200				
Managed	279.3	294.1	-0.2	..
UK Equity	352.2	370.8	-2.0	..
Overseas Equity	242.3	255.1	+1.6	..
Americas	180.2	189.7	+0.7	..
Far East	320.4	337.3	+1.0	..
Property	177.1	186.5	+0.4	..
Fixed Interest	216.6	228.0	-0.2	..
Indexed Gilt	120.2	126.6	+0.7	..
Deposit	139.6	147.0	+0.1	..
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	700.0	736.9	-2.7	..
Equity Fund	£14.05	14.79	-0.12	..
Property Fund (3)	356.9	375.7	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	383.8	404.0	-2.0	..
Deposit Fund (3)	217.6	229.1	+0.2	..
Intl Fund (30)	117.4	123.6	+0.4	..
Unit-Linked Plus	601.4		+0.1	..
PEARL ASSURANCE 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01 831-1657				
Inv Prop Dist	180.6	189.1	+0.1	..
Do Accum	260.3	274.1	+0.1	..
Inv Equity	623.3	656.2	-3.4	..
Inv Managed	452.2	476.0	-1.8	..
Ret Managed	427.7	450.3	-3.0	..

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PHOENIX ASSURANCE 4-5, King William St, EC4N 7ER 01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	377.2	397.1	+6.1	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	330.4	351.4	..	..
PROPERTY GROWTH Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606				
Property Fund	358.3		+0.3	..
Property Fund (A)	352.2		+0.2	..
Agricultural Fund	507.7		+0.4	..
Agric Fund (A)	487.9		+0.4	..
Abbey Nat Fund	288.1		+0.1	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	298.2		+0.2	..
Investment Fund	203.3		-0.2	..
Investment Fund (A)	197.0		-0.3	..
Equity Fund	733.4		-2.2	..
Equity (A)	712.4		-2.3	..
Money Fund	297.7		+0.3	..
Money Fund (A)	286.8		+0.3	..
Actuarial Fund	339.9		-0.5	..
Gilt-Edged Fund	254.4		+0.6	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	264.4		+0.5	..
Retire Annuity	614.9		..	..
Immed Annuity	254.0		..	..
International Fund	350.0		-0.4	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund	148.7		+0.2	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL 30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG 01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	182.6	192.7	-1.5	..
Fixed Interest Acc	135.2	142.7	-0.1	..
International Accum	120.8	127.3	+0.8	..
Managed Accum	135.6	143.2	+0.4	..
Property Accum	191.6	202.2	+0.7	..
Money Accum	99.2	104.7	+0.1	..
Special Mkt Accum	93.3	98.5	+1.7	..
Japan Growth Acc	139.7	147.4	+0.3	..
N Amer Accum	83.0	87.6	-1.3	..
Pacific Accum	71.0	74.9	+2.6	..
Technology Accum	110.1	116.2	+1.2	..
Natural Res Accum	55.0	58.1	+0.9	..
Japan Grwth Accum	220.1	232.2	+1.1	..
European Accum	69.8	73.7	+0.9	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL 25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	272.2	286.5	+1.1	..
Managed Initial	226.7	238.6	+0.9	..
Equity Ord	383.2	403.4	+1.4	..
Equity Init	319.1	335.9	+1.0	..
Index-Linked Gilt Ord	120.6	126.9	+0.5	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	104.9	110.4	+0.4	..
Oseas Equity Ord	241.1	253.8	+3.9	..
Oseas Equity Initial	200.8	211.4	+3.2	..
Property Ord	159.5	167.9	+0.1	..
Property Initial	132.8	139.8	..	..
Fixed Int Ord	168.9	177.8	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Initial	140.6	148.0	+0.1	..
Deposit Ord	133.4	140.4	+0.1	..
Deposit Initial	111.1	116.9	..	..
PROVINCIAL LIFE Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria 0539 23415				
Managed Fund	491.7	518.2	+2.8	..
Cash Fund	216.6	228.3	+0.2	..
Property Fund	255.3	269.1	+2.7	..
Equity Fund	526.8	555.2	+4.2	..
Fxd Interest Fund	291.9	307.6	+0.7	..
International	230.7	245.5	+3.7	..
High Income	395.5	420.8	-5.6	..
Far East	363.5	388.9	+18.0	..
North American	192.2	204.5	+5.8	..
Special Sits	476.3	506.8	-1.5	..
Technology	213.4	227.1	+1.8	..
Extra Income Fund	229.3	244.0	-3.3	..
Gilt Fund 20	299.5	318.7	+2.2	..
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222				
Managed	196.5	206.8	-0.3	..
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD 30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB 01-439 3134				
Managed Fund	421.7	443.9	+2.5	..
Equity Fund	833.7	877.6	-1.9	..
Intl Fund	288.5	303.7	+2.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	365.8	385.1	-1.3	..
Property Fund	324.2	341.3	-0.1	..
Cash Fund	237.1	249.6	+0.3	..
Pacific Basin Fd	170.9	179.9	+1.9	..
N American Fd	115.6	121.7	-0.2	..
Euro Fund	117.3	123.5	+1.8	..
Balanced Fund	98.6	103.8	+0.1	..
Strategic Fund	97.5	102.7	-0.1	..
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO 55-57 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	281.3	296.0	+2.7	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	338.7	356.5	+3.2	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	391.5	412.0	-3.6	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	244.4	257.2	+5.2	..
Series 2 Money Fd	165.6	174.3	-0.4	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	218.9	230.4	+4.8	..
Tulip Invest Fund	241.6	254.3	-7.5	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	372.6	392.2	+3.0	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	245.0	257.8	+2.4	..
Do Accum	305.9	321.9	+2.8	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD 20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX 01-920 0202 0733 263524				
Multi Growth (46)	430.06		..	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	430.0	452.7	..	..
Op 8 Prop	361.7	380.8	+0.1	..
Op 8 Equity	677.1	712.8	-1.1	..
Op 8 High Yield	342.6	360.6	+1.7	..
Op 8 Managed	520.6	548.0	-1.7	..
Op 8 Deposit	255.8	269.3	+0.2	9.14
Op 8 US Dollar	84.7	89.2	-1.4	8.75
Amer Smaller	79.2	83.4	-3.7	..
Commodity	71.0	74.8	-0.7	..
Extra Inc	135.5	142.7	-0.7	..
Far East	133.2	140.9	-1.5	..
Finl Secs	152.4	160.6	-1.3	..
Gold Gen	37.8	39.8	-1.0	..
Inc Gth	220.8	232.3	-1.9	..
Intl Fund	128.8	135.6	-2.1	..
Japan Perf	233.8	246.2	-4.6	..
Japan Smlr	145.4	153.1	+4.5	..
Natl High	210.1	221.2	-5.4	..
Prop Shs	184.0	193.7	+0.9	..
Intl Recovery	185.8	195.6	-4.6	..
Smaller Cos	259.3	273.0	+2.5	..
Univ Energy	52.1	54.9	-0.8	..
World Tech	97.7	102.9	-1.9	..
Managed Gth	159.4	167.8	-0.8	..
Gilt	84.8	89.3	+0.7	..
Hong Kong	67.3	69.4	-1.3	..

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Aust Gth	50.0	52.7	-0.6	..
Amer (35,34)	103.5	109.0	-4.8	..
Australian	65.2	68.7	+0.2	..
British	168.7	177.6	-3.0	..
Commodity	106.3	111.9	-3.0	..
Extra Inc	190.6	200.7	-2.3	..
Far Eastern	223.1	234.9	-0.5	..
Intl Fixed Int.	81.5	85.8	-0.8	..
Global (35,34)	253.1	266.5	-10.5	..
Gold Share	49.8	52.5	-8.8	..
High Income	247.6	260.7	+0.6	..
Income	311.4	327.8	-2.4	..
Japan	274.0	288.5	-4.6	..
Oil Energy	126.0	132.7	-5.4	..
Special Sits	233.3	245.6	-9.0	..
UK Smlr Co's	259.1	272.8	-5.8	..
Man Growth	267.9	282.0	-6.8	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	530.6	561.4	+3.8	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	216.8	227.9	+0.4	..
Equity Fund	275.5	289.9	-1.5	..
Property Fund	190.6	200.6	+0.9	..
International Fund	267.8	281.5	+1.6	..
Pacific Basin Fund	192.0	202.1	+0.9	..
United States Fund	109.6	115.3	+1.4	..
Gilt Fund	198.2	208.6	..	..
SAVE & PROSPER 1, Finsbury Ave London,EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	447.2	473.3	-1.4	..
Deposit Fund (2)	240.9	256.0	+0.2	..
Gilt Fund	323.0	341.8	-0.3	..
Global Equity Fund	136.6	144.6	-0.5	..
Property Fund (46)	71.5	75.7	..	..
AG Bond Fund	97.9	103.6	+1.4	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	356.5	375.3	+1.6	..
Fixed Interest	215.6	226.9	-0.1	..
International	205.7	216.6	+2.2	..
Property	178.1	187.5	+0.1	..
Cash	149.7	157.6	+0.1	..
Managed	267.4	281.5	+1.2	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	112.9	118.8	+0.06	..
Index-Linked	96.5	101.6	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	120.0	126.4	-0.6	..
Mixed	140.5	147.9	-1.3	..
UK Equity	135.9	143.1	-1.8	..
International	145.4	153.1	-0.2	..
American	105.1	110.7	-3.0	..
Japan	210.9	222.0	+1.1	..
European	132.5	139.5	+0.5	..
Pacific	182.7	192.4	+2.1	..
Technology	133.7	140.8	-1.7	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	137.2	144.5	+0.6	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	142.2	149.8	+0.1	..
UK Equity	190.8	201.0	-0.8	..
American	116.8	123.0	-1.7	..
Pacific	200.8	211.4	+2.5	..
European	203.8	214.5	+3.5	..
International	159.1	167.6	+0.4	..
Fixed Interest	135.9	143.2	+0.2	..
Index Linked	118.5	124.8	+0.1	..
Deposit	122.8	129.2	+0.1	..
Managed	157.3	165.6	+0.1	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	993.8	1024.5	..	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS 109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	138.5	145.8	+0.2	..
Growth Fund	141.4	148.9	+0.4	..
Opportunity Fund	140.9	148.4	+0.6	..
Cash Fund	107.2	112.9	+0.1	..
European Fund	150.4	158.4	+2.4	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	119.5	125.8	-0.3	..
Index-Linked Fund	108.2	113.9	+0.2	..
International Fund	143.8	151.4	+1.9	..
North American Fd	102.7	108.2	+0.4	..
Property Fund	115.1	121.2	+0.1	..
UK Equity	147.6	155.4	-0.4	..
UK Smaller	189.3	199.3	+0.3	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	156.3	164.6	-0.3	..
Equity	173.3	182.5	-1.4	..
International	150.6	158.6	+0.5	..
Property	183.1	192.8	..	..
Fixed Interest	132.1	139.0	-0.1	..
Index Linked	107.2	112.8	+0.9	..
Cash	123.6	130.2	+0.1	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	468.3		-6.8	..
Inv Pol 2	449.8	473.7	-6.5	..
Inv Pol 3	437.7	460.8	-6.3	..
Inv Cash	197.4	207.9	+0.2	..
Mixed Fund	268.1	282.2	-0.9	..
Equity Fund	319.3	336.2	-3.9	..
Property Fund	175.9	185.2	+0.1	..
International Fund	236.4	249.0	+1.7	..
Fixed Interest Fund	213.0	224.3	+1.0	..
Indexed Stock Fund	119.7	126.1	+1.0	..
Cash Fund	144.9	152.6	+0.2	..
SKANDIA LIFE Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	222.1	233.7	+1.0	..
Equity Accum	271.4	285.6	+1.5	..
International Accum	204.9	215.6	+1.8	..
Property	175.6	184.8	+0.1	..
Royal Trust Mngd	144.4	151.9	-0.6	..
Britannia Mngd	115.9	121.9	+1.3	..
Framlington Mngd	135.2	142.3	+1.2	..
Gartmore Mngd	146.7	154.4	+1.3	..
Henderson Mngd	138.6	145.8	+0.3	..
TSB Managed	128.4	135.0	+0.2	..
North European	163.9	172.5	+2.3	..
Pacific	171.3	180.3	+2.3	..
Intl Recovery	152.6	160.6	+0.3	..

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Gilt Plus Accum	195.5	205.7	+0.6	..
North American	100.3	105.5	+0.3	..
Deposit	172.5	181.5	+0.1	..
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Managed	370.0	389.5	-0.8	..
Equity	508.3	535.1	-2.3	..
Fixed Interest	244.8	257.7	-0.8	..
Index Linked	124.7	131.3	+0.6	..
International	329.6	347.0	+2.2	..
Nth American	68.3	71.9	+0.3	..
Far East	110.4	116.3	+0.4	..
European	71.7	75.5	+1.5	..
Property	232.5	244.6	+0.1	..
Cash	173.5	182.7	+0.2	..
Pension Funds				
Managed	479.9	505.2	-1.0	..
Stock Exchange	107.7	113.4	-0.3	..
Equity	675.3	710.9	-4.2	..
Fixed Interest	286.2	301.3	-1.0	..
Index Linked	161.5	170.1	+0.9	..
International	450.3	474.1	+3.0	..
Property	267.1	281.2	+2.8	..
Cash	230.4	242.6	+0.3	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 64141				
Managed Fund	384.7	405.0	-0.4	..
Equity Fund	508.4	535.2	-1.7	..
Fixed Interest Fund	289.8	305.1	+0.8	..
Index Linked Fund	184.3	194.0	+2.4	..
Property Fund	332.9	350.5	+0.3	..
International Fund	317.0	333.7	-0.2	..
N American Fund	96.5	101.6	+0.2	..
Far East Fund	190.8	200.9	+1.3	..
Deposit Fund	192.3	202.5	+0.2	..
International Bond	£39.65		-0.40	..
Worldwide Bond				
Worldwide Fincl	77.4	81.5	+0.4	..
Worldwide Tech	76.6	80.7	+0.3	..
European	74.4	78.4	+1.1	..
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Growth Account	819.8		-19.7	..
Managed Account	481.6		-4.3	..
Equity Account	834.1		-7.7	..
Mngd Fund Accum	218.6	230.1	-2.1	..
Equity Fund Accum	285.9	300.9	-3.6	..
Prop Fund Accum	188.4	198.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	182.9	192.6	+0.2	..
Intl Fund Accum	241.6	254.3	-7.5	..
Money Fund Accum	142.6	150.1	+0.3	..
Indx-Lnkd Sca Acc	125.6	132.3	+0.3	..
Pers Pens Account	913.4		+0.9	..
Pens Mngd Account	425.2	447.6	+0.4	..
Pens Guarantee	130.5	137.5	+0.2	..
Pens Equity	162.6	171.1	-0.7	..
Pens Property	148.0	155.9	+0.2	..
Pens Fixed Int	145.4	153.1	+0.4	..
Pens Intl	113.8	119.8	+0.4	..
Pens Money	130.1	137.0	+0.3	..
Pens Indx-Lnkd	110.2	116.0	-0.1	..
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Managed Accum	468.0	492.7	-1.9	..
Property Accum	279.2	293.9	+0.6	..
Equity Accum	664.4	699.4	-6.6	..
Fixed Int Accum	234.7	247.1	-1.1	..
Index-Linked Accum	116.8	123.0	+0.4	..
Cash Accum	197.9	208.4	+0.1	..
Amer Equity Accum	172.9	182.0	+0.7	..
US Bonds Accum	104.7	110.3	-0.2	..
Japan Accum	271.2	285.5	-0.4	..
Pacific Accum	121.1	127.5	+3.6	..
Far Eastern Accum	424.5	446.9	+7.2	..
International Accum	277.1	291.7	+10.1	..
US Dollar Accum	84.6	89.1	+0.6	..
Yen Accum	126.2	132.9	+1.0	..
Euro Cur Accum	114.1	120.2	+0.4	..
Distribution Fund	204.5	215.6	-8.6	8.14
European	88.3	93.0	+1.6	..
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Managed Fund	159.0	167.5	-0.2	..
Property Fund	131.3	138.3	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	145.2	153.0	-0.5	..
Money Fund	128.7	135.5	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	201.8	212.5	..	3.00
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American Eagle	89.6	94.4	-0.9	..
Australian	23.7	25.0	+0.2	..
Commodity	88.6	93.3	-0.2	..
Deposit	167.5	176.4	+0.1	..
Residential Prop	91.2	96.0	+0.4	..
Financial	194.9	205.2	+1.3	..
Fixed Interest	199.6	210.2	-0.8	..
Gold	77.4	81.5	+3.0	..
Income	253.8	267.2	+0.2	..
International Equity	237.5	250.0	+0.9	..
Japan	330.6	348.1	-0.4	..
Convertible	104.5	110.1	-0.2	..
Managed	362.5	381.6	+1.1	..
International Bond	88.1	92.8	+0.3	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5		..
Pacific	161.1	169.6	-2.4	..
Preference	189.1	199.0	+1.0	..
Property	309.4	325.7	+0.7	..
Special Situations	189.0	199.5	-3.2	..
Sterling	4.6		+0.3	..
Technology	73.1	77.0	-1.1	..
UK Equity	324.8	342.1	-1.8	..
World Income	134.4	141.5	-2.0	..
Euro Situations	114.8	120.9	+4.9	..
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3-Way Fund	387.6			..
UK Equity	244.3	257.1	+0.5	..
N American Equity	148.7	156.5	+2.2	..
Far East Equity	293.9	309.3	+6.7	..
Fixed	184.4	194.1	-0.7	..
Cash Deposit	135.0	142.1	..	..
Property	117.0	123.2	-0.1	..
Special Opp	317.6	334.3	+1.5	..
Managed	213.6	224.9	+2.3	..
Index-Linked Fd	117.5	123.7	+0.8	..
Star Mngd 2	198.2	208.7	+3.2	..
Star Mngd 3	214.2	225.5	+3.4	..
Star Mngd 4	195.7	206.0	+1.1	..
Star Mngd 5	191.3	201.4	+3.4	..

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FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Vivien Goldsmith

Freedom bid by a friendly society

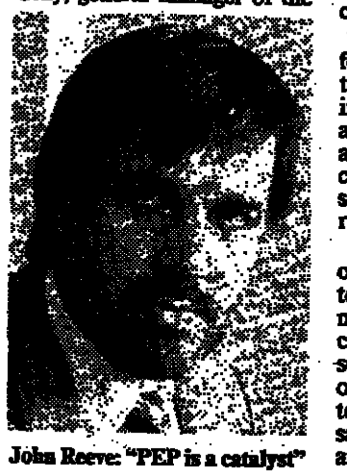
Britain's largest tax-exempt friendly society is preparing to follow the example of the Abbey National Building Society and shrug off its traditional status in the search for greater freedom.

The Family Assurance Society, which has 250,000 members and £240 million under management, feels constrained by the friendly society rules that limit its traditional tax-exempt business to policies where the premium is just £9 a month or £100 a year.

"You could say we are the Abbey National of the friendly societies," says John Reeve, the society's general manager.

Members will have to vote on any proposal to change the society into a mutual life office or a public limited company with shareholders. The voting requirements are not as strict as those facing the Abbey in its bid to convert into a plc. Friendly societies need 75 per cent of those voting to agree to the terms.

The Family Assurance Society's move towards wider investment scope has not been met with delight by all. Peter Gray, general manager of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society and a member of the executive of the National Confederation of Friendly Societies, said: "It is a betrayal of the heritage which we have."



John Reeve: "PEP is a catalyst"

He has been campaigning for reform of the laws governing friendly societies along the lines suggested by Professor E. Victor Morgan in 1986. This includes raising the limit on the size of policies the societies are able to offer, and allowing them to run personal pensions, unit trusts and personal equity plans (PEPs).

Family Assurance has already decided to offer its members a unit trust-only PEP from September through a life company. This will be a regular saving plan committing the investor to starting five consecutive plans along the lines of the one run by M&G. In the end the plans will be amalgamated into one tax-free fund. The maximum investment in a unit trust PEP is £540 a year.

"This is the catalyst to changing our status," says Mr Reeve. He is convinced that the traditional Family Bond with its £100 a year limit will not be on offer from the society for more than another 18 months.

"The PEP can run alongside the Family Bond to start with," he says. "But when we end the Family Bond, there will be no point in remaining a friendly society. It will be worthwhile converting to a mutual life company or taking on shareholders."

The society intends to remain orientated towards tax-exempt plans — personal pensions as well as PEPs. "We are keen to move away from being a one-product company," says Mr Reeve.

The Fleet Friendly Society has set up the Fleet Pep Club to run a PEP. This limited liability company is owned by the members of the Fleet management committee and run from its offices.

"The Pep Club cannot be within the friendly society because the registrar of friendly societies does not allow us to trade," said Fleet's chairman James Rowlett.

Last year new legislation forced those friendly societies taking on long-term business into tighter restrictions that almost mirror those for insurance companies, so the incentive to remain a friendly society with less stringent rules was removed.

Even so, there are instances of friendly societies deciding to change course before the new legilation. FS Assurance converted from a friendly society into a mutual life office in 1970. "It allowed us to take on more business," said a spokesman. FS Assurance now runs its own unit trusts and the Northern Mortgage Corporation.

Unlike Family Assurance, other friendly societies have learned to live with the tiny policies forced on them by the 1984 Budget. These policies are the poor man's tax haven and hark back to an era when the poor were keen to save so that they had enough to pay for their own funeral. They are restricted to one per person, but by packaging them with the non-tax-exempt policies the friendly societies have managed to generate enough business to keep afloat.

The Homeowners Friendly Society is about to launch Portfolio Plan, which will offer investments in units with premiums of either £9 a month or £100 a year. For those who do not already have a friendly society policy, the first unit will be tax-free and the rest taxable.

But Roger Hocking, the society's marketing manager, said that, as it is a new fund, taxation will not amount to more than 20 per cent.

The society is also launching a single-premium bond, Dual Growth.

"I don't think we need to convert from a friendly society," said Mr Hocking. "If we became a mutual life office, we would lose the ability to sell tax-exempt policies. They are our loss leaders, which bring us the customers. We then hope to sell them a larger total product.

"We are tackling the pressure on friendly societies a different way."

The Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows has a dual structure. While the main company sells a wide range of life assurance, pensions and health insurance products, it has a sister organization, MULICS, that sells tax-exempt policies, including an allocation of 500 baby bonds.

But it too has problems. Under the polarization rules of the Financial services Act the tied agents of the main society cannot sell the tax exempt policies of MULICs, and there is no commission paid on them.

Vivien Goldsmith

Harrods revives banking tradition

Then and now: Harrods Banking Hall at the turn of the century, and an artist's impression of the revamped version

Remember the Harrods Banking Hall? It is now 16 years since it moved from the ground floor and even longer since you could arrange to meet among its stately marble pillars, sink into a deep leather armchair and feel that you had arrived at your very own club.

But from September the Harrods Banking Hall will live again. You will be able to go through the door nearest the Tube entrance, and down some marble stairs to a new banking hall that is part of a £3 million revamp of Harrods' banking services.

And once again there will be leather chairs among the marble splendour — but not too many, explained Rosemary Thorne, Harrods' finance director. Harrods is not keen to promote the use of the banking hall as a meeting place. One apocryphal story the store would like forgotten tells of a writer who did all his work at Harrods, taking his paper and pencils into the banking hall every day to work in undisturbed peace.

The new banking hall will have all the latest safety devices such as shotgun-proof glass as well as the old-fashioned style — of marble, leather and wrought iron. As well as the marble staircase, there will be a lift to whisk customers down to the banking hall, which will close an hour before the store closes.

The Harrods Banking Hall will not remain exclusive for long. Harrods is planning to open as many as half a dozen branches in Mayfair and the West End of London. These new branches will be in separate premises rather than within existing department stores.

Harrods' banking services have nearly 5,000 customers and are keen to attract more — especially those "high net worth" individuals who fit the Harrods style. So Harrods' 160,000 account customers can expect to hear about the banking services.

Changes are afoot. Harrods has recently begun granting mortgages (9.5 per cent or 9.8 APR) and is part of the Mortgage Interest at Source (Miras) scheme. It also grants personal loans, at 17 APR, and overdrafts by negotiation.

But it does not aim to get involved in selling insurance, and no Harrods unit trusts are planned. But Harrods has applied to FIMBRA, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, because it will arrange endowment policies to accompany mortgages.

It will also provide an execution-only service for those wanting to buy and sell shares but will not give advice or undertake portfolio management.

Harrods is pledged to give its customers a more personal service than a high street bank. Alex Wishart, a director of Harrods Trust, says: "It's quality, not quantity, that counts at Harrods."

So customers will continue to get their cheques returned to them with their statements, and Harrods is contemplating paying interest on higher current account balances and increasing the £50 cheque guarantee card limit.

But there is just one Harrods automated teller machine at the moment, although Harrods customers have access to the Royal Bank of Scotland's cash machines and can cash cheques at any House of Fraser store six days a week.

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Property has a good record of providing sound, long-term returns in both rental income and capital growth.

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Even in countries where land shortages are not so acute, the changing requirements of industry and commerce encourage the continual redevelopment of property and stimulation of property markets.

The value of a balanced portfolio

Major institutional investors have long recognised the benefits that property can bring to a properly balanced portfolio.

Property shares rise and fall at different times in different markets, reflecting local influences on property values.

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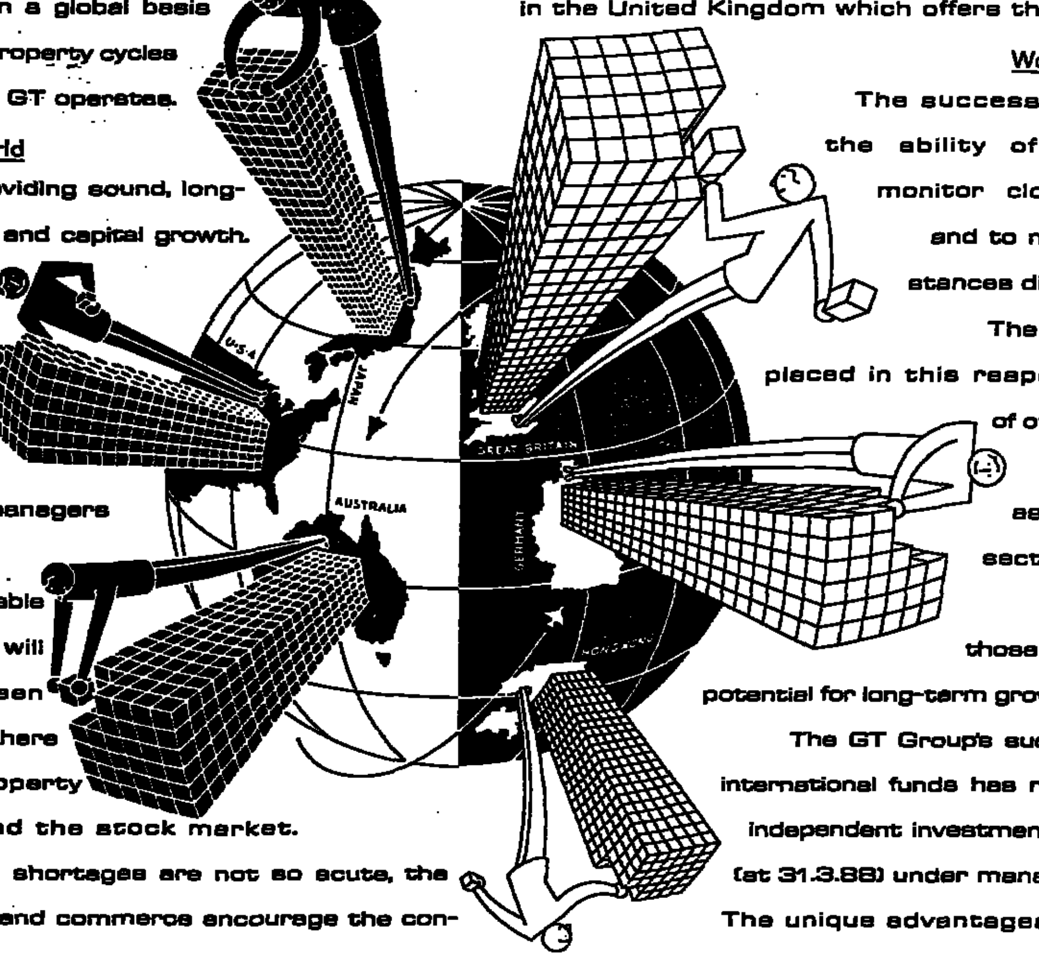
A further benefit of the Fund is that it invests only in the shares of property companies rather than in land and buildings, so it is able to move assets between markets, swiftly and easily.

It is the only authorised property fund currently available in the United Kingdom which offers these advantages.



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The credit card shake-up

While the main credit card companies dithered over following interest rates downwards this week, an American bank has entered the market with a credit card that seriously undercuts the competition.

Chase Manhattan Bank's Visa card charges 16.9 APR, while the credit cards run by the clearing banks charge 23.1 per cent or more. It also pays interest on credit balances — 5.5 per cent on sums of more than £10.

Chase is also wooing other credit card customers to come across by offering to pay off their existing credit card debt. They will then get an extra interest-free month before they start paying off the debt at Chase's lower rate.

Visa has 14.5 million UK British cardholders. Of these 9.4 million belong to Barclaycard and nearly three million to TSB Trustcard. Access has 12 million. For the second time in six weeks following a base rate cut, the big four banks, which operate Access and Visa cards, would only say this week that they were "reviewing" credit card rates.

On Tuesday bank lending rate dropped to 7.5 per cent, its lowest level for 10 years.

A spokesman for National Westminster, one of the three banks in the Access scheme, said it wanted to establish a trend in interest rates before it made a move.

He said: "Exchange rates clearly played a role on Tuesday, and there are fears in Government that there has already been too great a growth in consumer credit. A reduction now in credit card rates might increase this."

A spokesman for Lloyds Bank, which charges a little more for its Access credit card — 23.8 APR — said: "While the market is fairly volatile we will ride it out for while and make a decision later on."

Barclaycard also said the interest rate was under review.

Consumer groups have been pressing in recent months for a reduction in annual rates by the credit card companies, which at present charge about 23 APR.

The National Consumer Council has pointed out that since 1979 bank credit card interest has on average been 14 percentage points higher than base rate. "The latest reduction adds even greater urgency to a need for a cut," said the council.

Chase is not the first outfit to challenge the high rates charged by Visa and Access. Last October Save & Prosper launched a credit card that aimed to cream off the better-risk customers and charge them a lower rate. It was launched at 19.6 per cent, and the rate was cut six weeks ago to 17.4 per cent. It is now being promoted with a "buy British" slogan.

The rate is now under consideration again. But Ian Lindsay, a director of S&P, said its Visa rate would not be cut until it knew what the other big players were going to do. But he said there was clearly scope to undercut Chase. In spite of Mr Lindsay's enthusiasm for "card wars", he admits: "Customers are not interest rate-sensitive."

S&P hoped to lure 200,000 customers with the prospect of lower interest rates, but so far just 20,000 have taken up the offer of lower rates.

The rules have been relaxed

It may be that many were put off by the strict criteria laid down initially — S&P credit card holders had to be home-owners in pensionable employment who had not moved homes or jobs within the past year. But now this has been relaxed so that the self-employed who have been in business for three years and pensioners and others with a regular income will be eligible.

"We were too strict," admits Mr Lindsay.

The notion of paying interest on credit balances is not new either. The Co-operative Bank has been doing this since last year. It now pays 5 per cent net. But anyone depositing money with a credit card account will have to pay a 1.5 per cent fee to get cash out. The interest rate, for instance, with Chase rises from 16.9 to 17.3 APR for cash because of this fee.

A credit card account should not, therefore, be treated as a current account. S&P runs a Classic High Interest Bank Account, which has a Visa card. It pays 5.2 per cent on balances and money can be drawn out free with a cheque.

Account holders can get an overdraft at 13.7 per cent — a much better deal than taking credit with any credit card.

One of the cheapest ways to borrow money is by taking a bank overdraft, which costs between three and seven percentage points over base rate for personal customers.

But with around 40 per cent of cardholders paying off their balance every month and therefore not being charged interest and a substantial number paying within four months, credit card operators say their real annual percentage rates are around 17 per cent.

Iain McConnachie, of Chase, with the new Visa card

- Visitors to the Soviet Union who buy roubles with a Visa card will be able to change them back at the end of the trip in branches of the Vnesheconombank. Previously, roubles could be exchanged only in Intourist offices.
- The Abbey National and National & Provincial Building Societies have decided to follow the Halifax by offering Visa cards to members.
- Hundreds of people are refused credit because information about other individuals is being used against them, says the Data Protection Registrar, Eric Howe. He has given finance houses until October to justify taking into account the credit record of other people who live in the house and even previous residents, and is threatening to prosecute under the Data Protection Act.

The savers' best

This week's drop of 0.5 percentage points in the base rate may have been a triumph for the Chancellor Nigel Lawson but not for anyone with cash on deposit.

While home-owners wait for the building societies to move mortgage rates down again, savers must fear another cut in their rates.

Leading building societies cut their ordinary share rates to 3.5 per cent at the end of April after the last base rate cut and there must now be a possibility that rates will fall again. The building societies are taking in record amounts of cash — £1.57 billion last month, the highest amount since October 1986.

"We are waiting to see whether the rate sticks at 7.5 per cent before we decide what to do," said a spokesman for the Halifax Building Society yesterday.

While the strength of the pound is depressing interest rates now, there may be increases towards the end of the year to check inflationary pressures.

True fixed-rate savings accounts are few and far between. While rates are volatile societies are unwilling to commit themselves to something that could prove expensive if the market moves against them. But the Regency Building Society has a fixed-rate account paying 6.8 per cent for a year. The rate dropped from 7.5 per cent yesterday.

The 33rd issue of National Savings certificates is still sitting at 7 per cent, tax-free and guaranteed for five years. The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society still has its Four Year Term Share on offer at a whacking rate of 8 per cent. But the only guarantee with this is that it will remain at four points above the society's ordinary rate for four years. At the beginning of July it drops to 7.5 per cent, assuming there is no reduction in the society's basic rate before then.

Maria Scott

Charges on show

Accountants have proved to the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) that it *is* possible to show investors in insurance-related products the impact of charges and expenses on their returns.

But the ways Gerry Acher devised to show how investments are hit by commission payments and other expenses is so complicated that he believes the information should be available only on request, so only financial advisers and the most sophisticated investors would see it.

Mr Acher, of accountants Peat Marwick McLintock, said: "We are dealing with highly complex products. We are concerned about the information being taken out of context." He believes there is a danger the public might try to compare unit-linked and with-profits policies, for instance, without realizing that charges and profits will be shown for unit-linked policies but for with-profits policies there will just be charges.

Geoffrey Bernstein, an actuary who helped the Consumers' Association to draft its views on the study, accused Mr Acher of "paying lip-service" to investors' demands for disclosure.

The report to the SIB proposes that unit-linked policies should have to show how the *predicted yield on a policy is* cut by charges and expenses. For instance, investors might be told: "Administration charges reduce the interest rate on your policy by 1.25 per cent."

The lack of uniform accounting methods by insurance companies makes it more difficult to be so precise about with-profits policies, which grow with bonuses and at the end of the policy. So the report proposes telling investors the extent to which the companies' expenses differ from the industry norm — for instance, 5-15 per cent above the norm.

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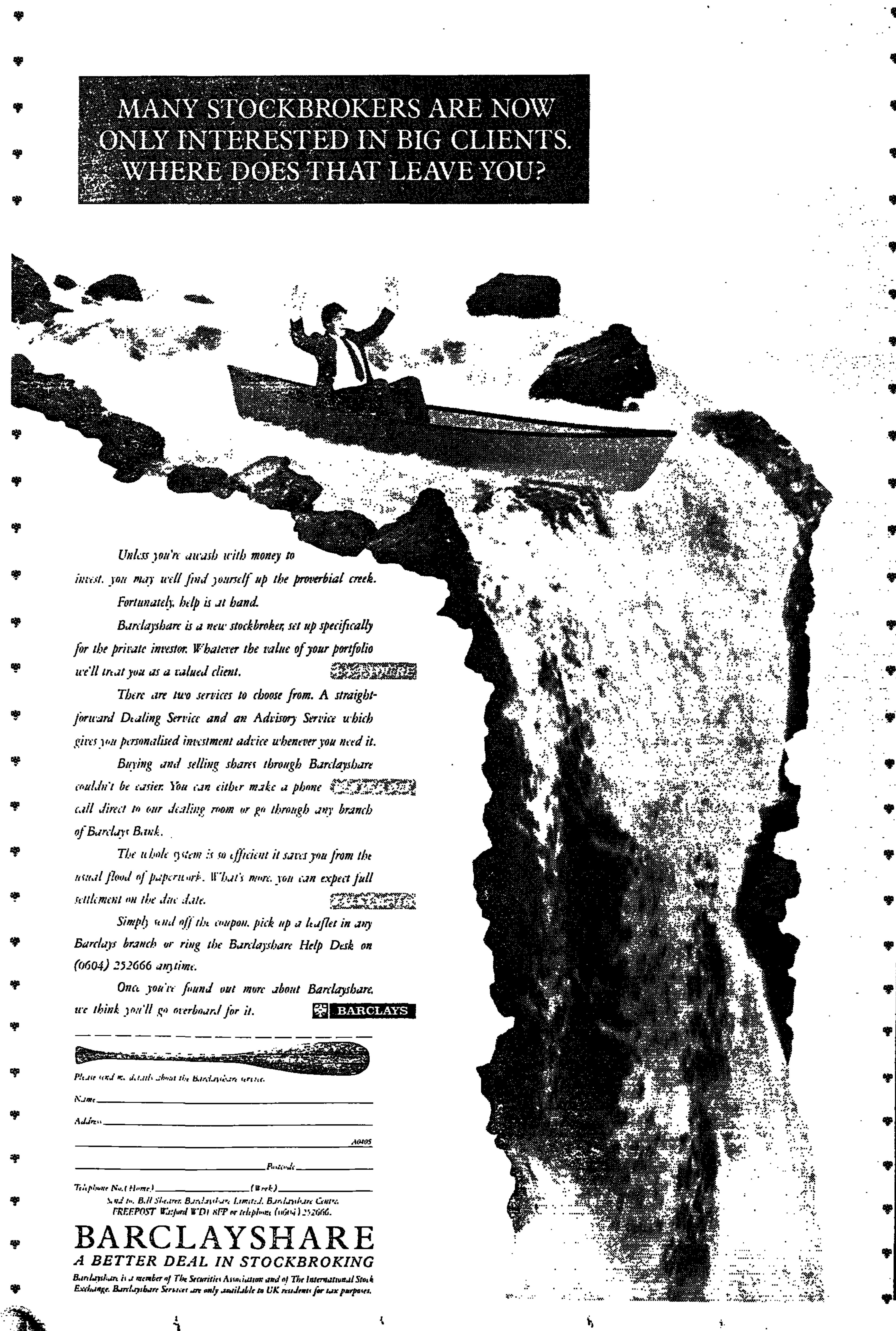
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London Life saver

Policyholders who suffered cuts in bonuses after London Life, the mutual life company, ran into difficulties last year should get a special bonus, thanks to the planned merger with the much larger and stronger Australian Mutual Provident Society (AMP).

The bonus will be made possible by the £15 million that AMP is putting into London Life, Britain's second oldest mutual life company. London Life says it is too early to say how much the bonus will be but it should be distributed soon after the merger is completed, probably before the end of this year.

London Life has 250,000 policyholders but only 60,000 of them have with-profits policies, which will benefit from the bonuses.

The special bonus will make good at least a part of the reduction in bonuses that London Life announced in March. There was a 15 per cent cut in the "reversionary" bonuses paid out annually on with-profits policies. This was not a complete surprise because London Life announced the intended reduction last November as part of a cost-cutting package.

It also said it would make more than 100 staff redundant and severely restrict the amount of new business it would take in.

To some extent the cost-cutting was forced on the company by the October crash. However, London Life was particularly exposed because of the costs it had been incurring to bring in large amounts of new business. It was simply over-stretched and although it realized remedial action was needed before disaster struck, it also realized that an alliance with a bigger and richer partner would help.

Dr John Evans, London Life's managing director, has told policyholders in a letter this week: "We therefore began a search, with the help of our advisers for a partner who could add the financial resources to support a faster rate of growth and to remove the constraints on our investment policy, which, though not a problem at the present time, could well become so in the not too distant future."

Policyholders will be asked to vote

London Life policyholders will be asked to vote on the merger at an extraordinary general meeting.

AMP was founded in 1849 and has 30 per cent of the Australian life assurance market. It has assets of £10 billion against London Life's £1.5 billion. Although AMP has operated in a small way in the UK since 1908, its decision to expand here and in other markets outside Australia is fairly recent.

London Life's investment fund will come under the wing of one of AMP's three funds, but the intention at present is for London Life to operate independently, preserving the name, selling its own policies and keeping its own investment strategy.

Frank Blackmore, London Life's head of sales and marketing, says: "It is important to retain London Life's identity. That will be the aim and the outcome."

However, there is some uncertainty, he admits, over the attitude that might be taken by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (LAUTRO), which authorizes the two companies under the Financial Services Act.

LAUTRO did not wish to comment this week.

Although the first tangible benefit to London Life policyholders will be the special bonus on with-profits policies, Mr Blackmore says the increased resources will enable the company to improve its services.

David Barofka, AMP's UK chief manager, says London Life will bring his company a pool of skill and expertise in the UK life assurance market. He says the two operations should be complementary. He says: "London Life operates at the top end of the market whereas we are in the middle."

Both the companies have stressed this is not a rescue operation.

Mr Blackmore says: "It wouldn't have been an attractive option to go it alone, but from the solvency and viability point of view it would have been perfectly possible. I don't believe London Life will be the only company to enter into a partnership like this in the next few years."

Serious objections not expected

Although some surprise was expressed by policyholders at London Life's annual meeting on Wednesday when they learned of the merger plan, Mr Blackmore says he does not expect serious objections.

London Life does not pay commission to intermediaries and relies on a salaried sales force. It had a strong base in universities, which was eroded in the 1970s. Equitable Life, the other non-commission-paying life office, has not had the same problems.

Maria Scott

Unit trust savings to pay off your loan

House-buyers are being offered a revolutionary mortgage using a unit trust savings scheme, *writes Maria Scott*. The scheme, believed to be the first of its type in the UK, has been devised by a new company, Wessex Asset Management, half-owned by the Bournemouth stockbroker I.A. Pritchard.

The Storebrand Unit-Trust Mortgage, named after the Norwegian mortgage company that is putting up some of the funds, is constructed in rather like an endowment mortgage. However, the borrower uses a unit trust savings plan instead of an endowment policy to produce the money to repay the loan at the end of its term. Borrowers must take out separate life cover with the unit trust mortgage, whereas life cover is built in automatically with an endowment.

Terry Moran, Wessex Asset Management's managing director of claims, says that despite the potential volatility of unit trusts they can, with the safeguards, perform better over the life of a mortgage than a with-profits endowment.

They are also an improvement on the nearest thing on the market at present, the unit-linked endowment policy, which, he argues, gives borrowers the worst of both worlds — exposure to the vagaries of the markets and the expenses of an endowment scheme.

His scheme checks the trust's performance every five years to make sure it is producing the growth needed to pay off the loan at the end of its term. If not, the premium is increased. In the last five years there is an annual check for under-performance. In addition, there is a "good news review" every month to see whether the fund is growing at a greater rate than the annual estimated 7.5 per cent. Half any surplus is used to reduce the original loan.

Wessex has set up a UK growth trust, managed by I.A. Pritchard, for the scheme. It will invest 70 per cent in the shares of mainstream UK companies.

There are possible Capital Gains Tax liabilities for people using the trust to repay a loan, but borrowers will be told of ways to mitigate this.

The deadline dash

ROWAN BARNES-MURPHY

Time is running out for unmarried couples and groups of friends who can afford a house or flat only on two or even three sets of tax relief.

If you have a commitment that binds you to buy the property by July 31 — and commits the vendor *too* — each borrower can claim tax relief separately. But if you miss the deadline, there will be only one lot of tax relief — for up to £30,000.

These Budget changes will make a considerable difference to monthly mortgage payments — if two people borrow the full £30,000 each at 9.5 per cent interest before August 1, they will save £60 a month in repayments. The savings for three or more borrowers are even higher.

The present rules have been labelled a subsidy for living in sin. But in London and the South-East rising prices ensure that people are desperate to move in before they increase still further. Borrowers are just as likely to be close relations, or groups of friends, as the standard coosome twosome.

There will be no problem in getting a mortgage as an unmarried couple, because most building societies treat you as a husband and wife. Abbey National, for instance, will provide three times the main income and once the smaller one, or two and a half times both together.

The only caveat for gay couples will apply if they want an endowment-linked mortgage. If they each need life cover for £70,000 or more, they may face a "lifestyle" questionnaire, and perhaps an HIV test.

National & Provincial has a leading plan for up to four people buying together, but it applies only if they are earning roughly the same and are on the professional ladder, perhaps as management trainees or articled clerks.

The society will lend up to two and a half times their total income, though there is a ceiling that ensures that it will not provide more than 95 per cent of the cost of the property. National & Provincial charges 0.5 percentage points over the going rate on its multiple borrowers plan — or 10.25 per cent at the moment.

Mortgage broker John Charcol has a rather different scheme. Borrowers do not have to be professionals in the bud or have similar incomes, and lending figures can be more generous. The scheme provides three and a quarter times the combined income if there are three borrowers, but adds only once the fourth if more are involved.

The money does not come cheap, as the interest rate is fixed at 10.95 per cent for five years and there is a £150 arrangement fee. The scheme offers a deferred interest plan to take the immediate pain out of paying.

The levy in the first year works at 9.45 per cent in year one, moves up to 9.95 per cent in year three, and finally reaches 10.95 per cent in year five. At that point, you can pay off the missing interest or add it to your debt. With the cut in base rates this week, the rates may come down before the August 1 deadline.

The Leo Plan from UCB Home Loans also offers unmarried house buyers a five-year fixed-rate mortgage at 10.95 per cent. Borrowers can raise up to 3.25 times joint income with a maximum of 95 per cent of the value of the property for first-time buyers, and 90 per cent for others. The plan is available only in the Home Counties, the South-West and East Anglia.

Local authority searches can cause delays in the house-buying process. In the shires they may take three or four days but in London, average searches will take four to six weeks, and up to 12 weeks in Camden. Agencies claim to get results in two or three days.

Charges can be anything from £40 to £100, and the main agencies should have indemnity insurance to cover the cost of any mistakes.

Everyone hunting property faces a very tight schedule to beat the Government's deadline — and, of course, there is always the hideous possibility that you may be gazumped at the last moment.

The Law Commission may have recommended that the rest of Britain should adopt the Scottish system of house-buying, which makes gazumping impossible. But that is little comfort to the people who can afford to buy a house only if they have all the details fixed before July 31.

Tom Tickell

Portfolio

—PLUS NEW—

Accumulator

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 29).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+7	+5	+6	+4	+4		
2	+5	+6	+5	+5	+3		
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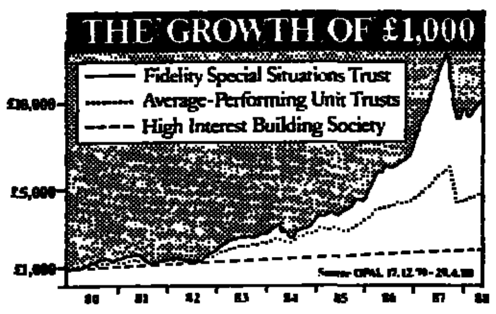

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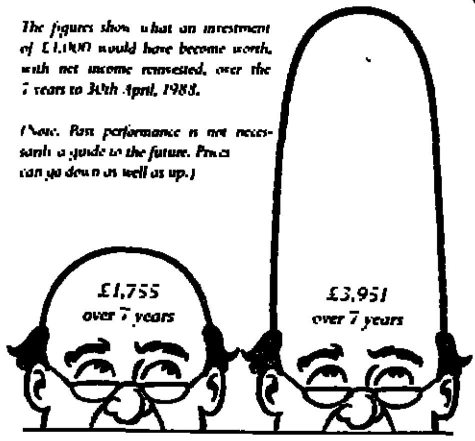
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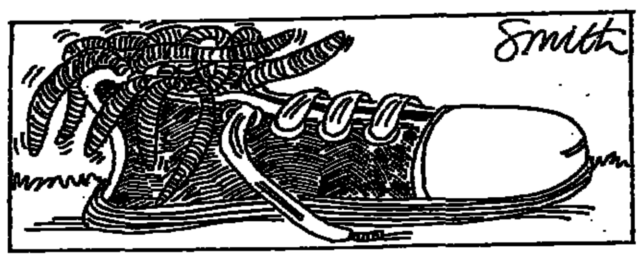

How would you like to invest *in a company so concerned for* animal welfare that it manufactures artificial limbs for crippled racehorses, yet at the same time has produced a running shoe that boosts athletes to unheard-of speeds?

The company is Kinesis Inc, based in Oregon in the United States, and — its backers claim — top stockbrokers Merrill Lynch are the majority shareholders.

Kinesis, it is said, is about to *sign a huge contract* with sports goods manufacturers Reebok, and investors can expect to make "200 per cent or even better".

How much of this is true? Oregon is indeed in the US. As for the rest, inquiries by *The Times* have revealed that:

- There is no prospect of a Reebok contract
- Merrill Lynch owns not a single share in Kinesis
- *The man* behind the affair was deported from Britain and jailed for fraud
- The company marketing the shares was investigated by Scotland Yard after a similar promotion collapsed.

Kinesis shares are being promoted by Griffin-Hayhurst Ltd, which is based in Marbella in southern Spain.

One investor contacted by Griffin-Hayhurst was Trevor Cornford — and a less likely victim would be hard to find. Mr Cornford is the managing director of Tiercey Financial Management, a FIMBRA member firm in Wokingham, Berkshire.

Griffin-Hayhurst told him Kinesis had developed a material that stored energy for release when needed. The material had been tested by Reebok, resulting in a "revolutionary" sports shoe that would "enable athletes to set new world records".

Kinesis, Griffin-Hayhurst concluded, "has the most spectacular growth potential of any equity we have seen in a long time".

The fact that Mr Cornford ignored this remarkable opportunity did not deter a Griffin-Hayhurst salesman, Gerry Sheppard, from sending him a statement showing he had bought 100 shares at $19 each — incurring a bill of £1,151 — which Mr Cornford similarly ignored.

Another distrusting investor was Frank Treanor, a shipping company director in Newry, Northern Ireland. He was telephoned by a Griffin-Hayhurst director, Monte Hawes, and, because of an earlier bad experience with an investment firm, he tape-recorded the conversation.

'Materials short of our standards'

Mr Hawes can be heard on the tape tempting Mr Treanor. "We are showing investors how they can be looking at probably a little more than 200 per cent to be gained in profit over the next 90 days," says Hawes. "That's going to be something worth following up, wouldn't you agree?"

Mr Treanor was also sent a demand for payment for Kinesis shares. When he did not pay, Mr Hawes telephoned him night after night. "It was torture," says Mr Treanor. "He insisted I had to pay, so after a while I just refused to talk to him, and eventually he gave up."

Such disappointments are nothing new to Mr Hawes. Last year his company was investigated by Scotland Yard Fraud Squad officers after it attempted to sell shares in Britain in Kiga Industries, a company that it falsely claimed was marketing a revolutionary food preserving machine. Police nipped the affair in the bud and money was returned to investors before it could be sent overseas.

So what of the claims of a big contract with Reebok? The company's spokesman, John Gillis, in Boston, Massachusetts, says: "The fact of the matter is that we have no contractual relationship whatsoever. We have tested materials they provided. They just haven't been up to our standards."

And the Merrill Lynch stakes in Kinesis? Merrill's spokesman, Richard Spiegelberg, says: "We've got something like $85 billion under management, which sounds a lot of money, but our systems are such that we can tell at any given moment exactly what companies we hold — and there is no reading on Kinesis at all."

One firm that does know a little about Kinesis, however, is the London-based share-dealing business Baynard Securities.

Baynard agreed to handle Kinesis deals, but its managing director Anthony Balme complained it was impossible to discover a true share price — and Baynard pulled out. The company was telling him to sell the shares at $24 when he knew that independent market-makers in the US were quoting $15.

"That didn't make me very happy," he says.

Mr Balme's nervousness was justified. In 1971 a share-dealing firm owned by Joseph Garofalo, a Kinesis director, was shut down after he sold clients' shares in Grove Securities without revealing that he himself had a controlling interest. In 1983 he was named by the watchdog Securities and Exchange Commission as being party to a huge fraud involving shares in Sundance Mining and Exploration Inc.

Record of criminal and civil offences

Mr Balme's contact with Kinesis did, however, reveal some essential clues to the people behind it.

He was told that Kinesis shares would be supplied to him by a Los Angeles company called United Atlantic Investments. And behind United Atlantic stands one of North America's most experienced fraudsters, Ramon "Ray" D'Onofrio, father of Mark D'Onofrio and brother of the chairman of Kinesis, Robert Harper — who prefers, perhaps understandably, not to use his own family name.

Ray D'Onofrio has a record of criminal and civil offences over two decades. In 1973 he fled to London, but he was arrested and sent back to the US to face fraud charges. To the disgust of his fellow fraudsters, Mr D'Onofrio gave evidence against them in return for a light sentence of just 18 months.

One of Mr D'Onofrio's 1970s colleagues is still bitter. He says: "The guy served most of his time in motel rooms, travelling around giving evidence against his friends.

Mr D'Onofrio himself was not available for comment, but his son Mark said: "There are a lot of major negotiations going on . . . a group of investors wants to put real estate worth $50 million to $100 million into Kinesis . . . we also produced and patented a golf club head that drives a golf ball further."

Told of the true identities of the people behind Kinesis and *United Atlantic, Mr Sheppard* at Griffin-Hayhurst expressed shock.

"Oh my gosh, that's unbelievable," he said on learning of Joseph Garofalo's record. "Er, Garofalo is a very popular name. If you look in the phone book there's a lot of them . . . you know, I just really can't believe it."

Mr Sheppard's incredulity spread to the Harper-D'Onofrio family. "Oh my gosh! It's all a mystery to me," he said.

For investors, though, the real mystery is how a share sold recently for more than $20 can move so fast — downwards. This week *The Times* failed to find a single market-maker willing to buy the shares. But there were plenty of Kinesis shares on sale — at just 50 cents each.

Tony Hetherington

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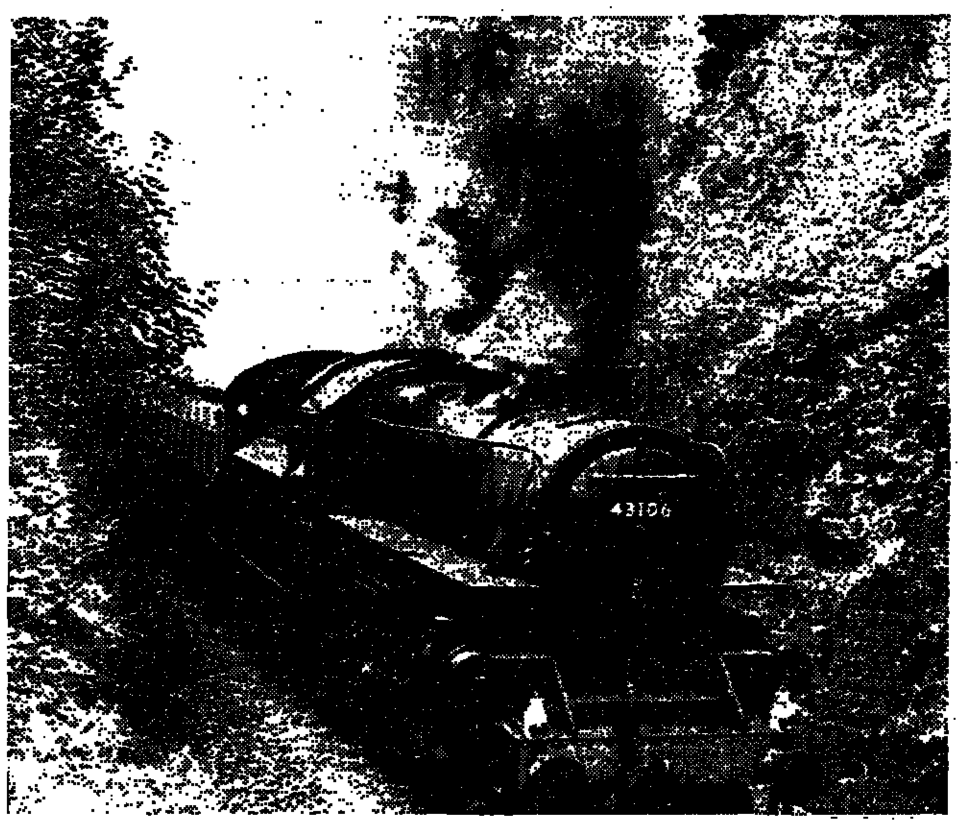
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Lawrence Lever

The prospectus is available from the Severn Valley Railway, The Railway Station, Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 1BG.

BRIEFING

How to earn a million without tax

■ A man on £1 million a year can avoid paying income tax, Gordon Brown, Labour's finance spokesman, told the House of Commons this week. Mr Brown tabled an amendment to the Finance Bill to limit the tax relief that any individual could get. He suggests a limit of £10,000 or £15,000 per person.

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Court of Appeal

Relevant associated operation for transfer tax

Inland Revenue Commissioners v Macpherson and Another

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches May 19]

In considering for the purposes of section 20(4) of the Finance Act 1975 whether a disposition had been made in a transaction intended to confer a gratuitous benefit on a person, the court was not restricted to considering the disposition in isolation.

Accordingly, where a disposition in the form of an agreement that had reduced the value of the settled property but had not itself been intended to confer any gratuitous benefit had been followed the next day by an appointment under a trust that had been intended to confer such a benefit, the disposition had been a transfer of value and accordingly a chargeable transfer for the purposes of the capital transfer tax.

The appointment had been a relevant "associated operation" within the meaning of section 44(1).

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the trustees of the settlement from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Sir Roger Ormrod dissenting) ([1987] STC 73) who had on December 17, 1986, by a majority allowed an appeal by the Crown from Mr Justice Goulding ([1985] STC 471).

The 1975 Act provided by section 19: "(1) A tax, to be known as capital transfer tax, shall be charged on the value transferred by a chargeable transfer."

By section 20: "(2) . . . a transfer of value is any disposition made by a person . . . as a result of which the value of his estate immediately after the disposition is less than it would be but for the disposition . . .

"(4) A disposition is not a transfer of value if it is shown that it was not intended, and was not made in a transaction intended, to confer any gratuitous benefit on any person . . . 'transaction' includes a series of transactions and any associated operations.

"(5) A chargeable transfer is any transfer of value . . . other than an exempt transfer . . .".

By section 51: "(1) . . . 'disposition' includes a disposition effected by associated operations . . .".

In relation to settlements, paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 5 (repealed by section 157(6) of and Schedule 22 to the Finance Act 1982) provided that where a person became entitled to an interest in possession in any part of property comprised in a settlement at a time when no such interest subsisted in that property or that part a capital distribution should be treated as being made.

Paragraph 6(4) (repealed by the 1982 Act) charged tax on a capital distribution as on the value transferred by a chargeable transfer.

By paragraph 6(3): "Where, at a time when no interest in possession subsists in property comprised in a settlement or in a part of that property, a transaction is made between the trustees of the settlement and a person who is, or is connected with — (a) a person beneficially entitled to an interest in any of the settled property; or (b) a person for whose benefit any of the settled property may be applied; and, as a result of the transaction, the value of the property or part is less than it would be but for the transaction, a capital distribution shall be treated as being made out of the property or part of an amount equal to that by which that value is less, unless the transaction is such that, were the trustees beneficially entitled to the settled property, it would not be a transfer of value."

[Sections 19(1), 20(2)(4)(5), 44(1), 51(1) and parts of paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 5 are now to be found in sections 1, 2(1), 3(1), 10(1)(3), 58(1), 65(1)(b)(6), 268 and 272 of the Capital Transfer Tax Act 1984.]

Mr Robert Walker, QC and Mr Brian Green for the trustees; Mr John Mummery for the Crown.

LORD JAUNCEY said that in 1951 the late Mr John Robarts, in consideration of the marriage of his nephew Mr David John Robarts ("Mr Robarts"), had made a discretionary settlement, the primary objects being Mr Robarts, his wife and the children and remoter issue of the marriage.

By the end of the 1960s, a number of valuable pictures had been included in the settled property. They were kept in houses owned by Mr and Mrs Robarts.

In 1970, by an agreement with the trustees of the settlement, Mr Robarts had undertaken the custody, care and insurance of the pictures and agreed to pay £100 a year for his enjoyment of them. The agreement had been terminable by either party on three months' notice.

In 1975, the High Court had approved an arrangement varying the trusts whereby Mr Robarts had been permanently excluded from beneficial interest and Mr and Mrs Robarts' powers of appointment had been replaced by wide powers given to the trustees.

On March 29, 1977, a further agreement between Mr Robarts and the trustees had varied the 1970 agreement by limiting Mr Robarts' liability in respect of the insurance and loss of the pictures, reducing his annual payment to £40, removing the right to terminate the 1970 agreement on three months' notice and continuing the 1970 agreement in force until April 1, 1991.

On March 30, 1977, the trustees had executed a deed of appointment appointing all the pictures, with the benefit of the 1970 and 1977 agreements, on trusts under which Mr Robarts' son Timothy had taken a protected life interest in possession.

The trustees accepted that the appointment had been a capital distribution for the purposes of paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 5 to the 1975 Act.

It was common ground that the effect of the 1977 agreement had been to reduce the value of the pictures (by deferring the date at which they could be delivered to an open-market purchaser).

The agreement had been a perfectly proper transaction. The trustees had felt that they ought not to give Timothy an interest in possession unless the terms of the 1970 agreement were varied, since Mr Robarts was not willing to continue, after such an appointment, to house the pictures on those terms.

The 1977 agreement alone was the relevant transaction for the purposes of paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 5. Thus a charge to tax arose unless the trustees could bring themselves within the concluding exception by showing that the 1977 agreement had not been a transfer of value.

That involved showing that it had not been "made in a transaction intended to confer any gratuitous benefit on any person" (section 20(4)), it being conceded that it had not itself been intended to do so.

The trustees' primary contention was that in applying the paragraph 6(3) hypothesis to section 20(4) the only transaction to be looked at in the subsection was the transaction referred to in the sub-paragraph. In considering whether the disposition constituted by the 1977 agreement had been made in a transaction it was necessary to look no further than the agreement since it had constituted both the disposition and the whole transaction.

In his Lordship's view, there was no warrant for construing section 20(4) so narrowly. There was nothing in paragraph 6(3) or in section 20(4) to require that the event that resulted in the devaluation of the settled property had to be looked at in isolation from all other events for the purposes of the subsection.

If trustees, in the circumstances envisaged in paragraph 6(3), took steps that devalued the settled property with the object of making subsequent distributions of it, why should the two events be considered as independent of one another? Neither law nor logic would suggest that they should.

The trustees had then contended that, if "transaction" had a wider meaning than they contended for, nevertheless the 1977 agreement had not been made in such a transaction but had been one of two transactions between different persons achieving separate results. The agreement had achieved a purely administrative result whereas the appointment had conferred bounty.

They had accepted that the two transactions were "associated operations" within the meaning of section 44(1) but maintained that the appointment had not been a relevant associated operation.

Some limitation had to be imposed on the extremely wide definition of "associated operations" in section 44(1). Reading the extended meaning of "transaction" into the opening words of section 20(4), it was clear that the intention to confer gratuitous benefits qualified both transactions and associated operations.

If an associated operation was not intended to confer such a benefit, it was not relevant for the purpose of section 20(4). That was not to say that it had necessarily *per se* to confer a benefit, but it had to form a part of and contribute to a scheme that did confer such a benefit.

It was common ground that the appointment had conferred a gratuitous benefit on Timothy. The evidence showed that the appointment would not have been made if the 1970 agreement had not been varied by that of 1977.

It followed that the 1977 agreement had been a contributory part of the scheme to confer a benefit on Timothy. So viewed, the agreement, being the disposition for the purposes of section 20(4), had been made in a transaction, consisting of the agreement and the appointment, intended to confer a gratuitous benefit on Timothy.

Lord Keith, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths and Lord Oliver agreed.

Solicitors: Currey & Co; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Duty to consult doctors over hospital closure

Regina v Tunbridge Wells Health Authority, Ex parte Goodridge and Others

Before Mr Justice Hutchison

[Judgment April 27]

There was a statutory obligation to consult a community health council on a proposal to close a cottage hospital, in order to meet the next year's budget, where the closure was to be for at least a year and as such amounted to a substantial variation in service.

Mr Justice Hutchison so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application for judicial review by David Martin Goodridge and 23 other doctors of a decision dated January 12, 1988 and a reaffirmation dated March 29, 1988 by the Tunbridge Wells Health Authority to close temporarily the Tonbridge Cottage Hospital.

Regulation 19 of the Community Health Council Regulations (SI 1985 No 304) provides: "(1) Subject to paragraph (2), it shall be the duty of each relevant district authority and of each relevant committee to consult a council on any proposals which the authority or committee may have under consideration for any substantial development of the health service in the council's district and on any such proposals to make any substantial variation in the provision of such service.

"(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any proposal on which the district authority or committee is saified that, in the interest of the health service, a decision has to be taken without allowing time for consultation; but, in any such case, the district authority or committee shall notify the council immediately of the decision taken and the reason why no consultation has taken place."

Mr Andrew Nicol for the doctors; Mr Michael Douglas for the Tunbridge Wells Health Authority.

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON said the 24 doctors who were the applicants were members of the general practioner committee of the Tonbridge Cottage Hospital and constituted its entire staff of doctors. The hospital was founded in 1902 and the distinguishing feature of such hospitals was that they did not have a staff of consultants but were staffed by local general practioners.

The Health Services Act 1980 introduced into the National Health Services Act 1977 a new section which placed on the health authority a duty to balance its budget.

It was that duty which led the health authority to take the decision temporarily to close the hospital.

The authority's financial year began on April 1 and some time prior to January 8, 1988 the district board of management undertook consideration of the budget for the year from April 1, 1988.

The results of their consideration was of a potential shortfall of £650,000. The document contained a discussion of various means by which such a saving could be effected and included one that the cottage hospital should be closed temporarily and during closure redeveloped as an acute rehabilitation facility for mentally infirm patients.

On January 12 the authority discussed the matter after exclusion of the public, although exceptionally the chairman of the district consultants committee, the chairman of the district general practitioner committee, and a representive of the general practitioner committee remained.

The health authority discussed the recommendations and resolved to adopt them. On January 25 a press notice was issued.

The grounds on which relief was sought were three, the second of which was that there was a statutory obligation to consult the community health council on the proposal to close the hospital, and the taking of a decision to do so without such consultation was unlawful.

The questions which arose were: first, whether what was proposed amounted to a proposal to made a substantial variation in the provison of the health service in the district. Second, if it did amount to such a proposal, was the district health authority satisfied that in the interests of health service a decision had to be taken without allowing time for consultation.

The district general manager of the health authority, Mr Lowe, stated in his affidavit, *inter alia*, that "because the closure of the . . . hospital was a temporary closure, no formal consultation procedure was considered necessary".

Even if one regarded that as amounting to an assertion that the district health authority addressed itself to the question whether the proposal involved a substantial variation in the provision of services, and concluded that it did not, it was impossible to accept that any reasoable authority could have reached such a conclusion.

The proposal, while nominally for temporary closure of the cottage hospital, would, if carried out, have meant that it would never open again as a cottage hospital.

It was impossible to contend that the closure of the hospital for what it was accepted would have been at least a year was other than a substantial variation in service.

The crucial question was therefore whether it could be said that the authority was satisfied in the interest of the health service that the decision had to be taken without time for consultation.

If it was so satisfied, then that decision could be challenged only on the basis that no reasonable authority could have reached that conclusion.

Unless it was legitimate to infer from the failure to consult that the authority had determined that there was no time to consult, the only evidence on that point was a statement in Mr Lowe's affidavit that he believed it was in the interests of the health service for the decision to be taken without allowing time for consultation with the community health council.

That was a statement of Mr Lowe's own view and could not be regarded as evidence that the authority was satisfied of the relevant matters.

There was no evidence that there was no time for consultation. The authority was not facing a crisis in the current year's expenditure, but a problem in relation to budgetary provision for the coming year.

His Lordship did, of course, have a discretion as to whether to grant relief even in a case which he reached a clear conclusion that the decision was *prima facie* unlawful by reason of a failure to carry out the statutory consultations.

However, since the application was heard when the hospital had still not closed, it was proper to grant relief.

Solicitors: Finnis Christopher Foyer & Co; Bracher Son & Miskin, Maidstone.

Insolvency formal defect rule is not applicable to statutory demand

In re a Debtor No 190 of 1987

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment April 26]

Rule 7.55 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) which provided that no insolvency proceedings should be invalidated by any purely formal defect in the proceedings did not apply to a statutory demand.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division dismissing an appeal by a debtor against the order of Mr Registrar Pimm dated February 16, 1988 whereby the registrar dismissed his application for an order setting aside the statutory demand.

Mr Simon Gill for the debtor; Mr David G. M. Marks for the creditors.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that a statutory demand in the sum of £17,369 as the amount due under a guarantee dated July 10, 1986 was served on the debtor on October 1987. In fact the correct date of the guarantee was July 10, 1984.

The debtor applied to the registrar to have the statutory demand set aside on the ground that that mistake invalidated the statutory demand. The registrar dismissed the application and the debtor appealed from that decision *inter alia* on the ground that the registrar was wrong in law in holding that the misdescription of the debt on which the statutory demand was based did not invalidate the statutory demand.

It was not suggested that the debtor had actually been misled by the mistake.

The starting point was *In re Cartwright* ([1975] 1 WLR 573) in which it was held that an inaccurate bankruptcy notice suffered from a defect which could not be cured by the exercise of the discretionary power to waive formal irregularities conferred by section 147 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914.

In that case Mr Justice Goulding pointed out: "It is clear from reported authorities that the court, ever since the Bankruptcy Act 1883, has been very chary of curing deficiencies in a bankruptcy notice by exercising its discretionary power of waiving irregularities.

"The case is rather different from anything that subsequently occurs in bankruptcy proceedings because the failure to comply with the notice is the very act of bankruptcy on which all the rest is founded. Unless, therefore, you have a notice that fulfils the statutory requirements, you cannot fairly say that a debtor has committed an act of bankruptcy by not complying with it."

Mr Gill submitted that the same approach should be adopted in relation to a statutory demand.

The provision equivalent to section 147 of the 1914 Act was Rule 7.55 of the Insolvency Rules 1986. It was in substantially the same terms and provided: "No insolvency proceedings shall be invalidated by any formal defect or by any irregularity, unless the court before which objection is made considers that substantial injustice has been caused by the defect or irregularity, and that the injustice cannot be remedied by any order of the court".

A similar argument was rejected by Mr Justice Warner in *In re a Debtor (No 1 of 1987)* ([1988] 1 WLR 419) where he held that under the new legislation it was not enough for a debtor merely to show that a statutory demand served on a debtor was misleading and perplexing but that he was actually misled.

Indeed it was one of the purposes of the new legislation to avoid the technicalities which grew up around the bankruptcy law when it framed as penal proceedings. It would be unfortunate if the new provisions were to become enervated by the technical objections being transferred to disfigure the new system.

Rule 7.55 in fact was not applicable to a statutory demand which was not an insolvency proceeding within rule 13.7, the definition section. The grounds on which a statutory demand could be set aside were set out in Rule 6.5(4) and as Mr Justice Warner observed "It seems to me, reading that provision as a whole, that the 'other grounds' which can be involved under sub-paragraph (*d*) must be of the same degree of substance as the grounds specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) and that it is not enough for a debtor, under this provision, merely to show that a statutory demand served on him is perplexing."

There was no suggestion in the instant case that the debtor was in fact perplexed or misled. He understood perfectly well what debt was referred to.

Furthermore, his Lordship very much doubted whether if that mistake had been contained in a bankruptcy notice it would have justified the setting aside. Accordingly, the debtor's appeal against the registrar's order would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Simon Haynes Zucker & Cassels; Clifford Harris & Co.

Items of restoration do not invalidate repairs notice

Robbins v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment May 17]

Where a local authority served a notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 specifying works required for preserving a listed building, the inclusion therein of works not necessary for that purpose did not invalidate the notice.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Mr Tom Robbins from the refusal of Mr M. T. Pill, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, to quash the confirmation by the Secretary of State for the Environment of a compulsory purchase order made by Ashford Borough Council in respect of Willesborough Windmill, Ashford.

Section 115 of the 1971 Act provides: "(1) Neither a council nor the secretary of state shall start the compulsory purchase of a building under section 114 of this Act unless at least two months previously they have served on the owner of the building, and not withdrawn, . . . (. . . a "repairs notice") — (a) specifying the works which they consider reasonably necessary for the proper preservation of the building; . . .".

Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr Richard Hayward for Mr Robbins; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Nigel Pleming for the secretary of state; Mr Malcolm Spence, QC, Mr Anthony Porten, QC and Mr Mark Lowe for the council.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that Mr and Mrs Robbins were the owners and occupiers of a windmill with an adjoining mill house and land known as Willesborough Windmill, Mill Lane, Ashford, Kent.

They had purchased it in 1969 with planning permission to convert it for use as a dwelling-house. They had since adapted the mill for that purpose and occupied it and the mill house as their home.

Since 1951 Willesborough Windmill had been included in a list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest published by the Minister of Local Government and Planning.

In October 1983, Ashford Borough Council served a repairs notice under section 115 of the 1971 Act. In October 1984, the council served a compulsory purchase order on Mr and Mrs Robbins and, following their objections, a local inquiry was held.

On consideration of the inspector's report, the secretary of state found that some of the works included in the repairs notice were appropriate to the restoration of the building rather its preservation. But he took the view that the question whether works were properly considered to be reasonably necessary for the proper preservation of a building was, to an extent, bound to be one of fact and degree.

He said that if 14 of the 20 items scheduled to the repairs notice had been carried out he would have been satisfied that reasonable steps were being taken for properly preserving the building.

In the result, the secretary of state confirmed the compulsory purchase order. Mr Robbins challenged the validity of the order, under section 23 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, on the ground that the authorization granted thereby was not empowered to be granted by any enactment.

On the appeal, the first point argued by Mr Barnes was that works for the preservation of a building were works necessary to prevent the building deteriorating further or falling into further disrepair, but did not include works of restoration.

He accepted that such works might include works of repair, for example, works to mend a hole in the ceiling, but not any works which were not necessary to preserve the building in its condition at the date of service of the repairs notice.

His Lordship did not accept that the question should only be looked at as at the date of the service of the repairs notice. The works required were those reasonably necessary for the proper preservation of a building of special architectural or historical importance.

Whether such works included the replacement of parts of the building which had been removed at the date of the notice was a matter of fact and degree for the council when serving the notice, and for the secretary of state in deciding whether to confirm the compulsory purchase order.

It was unnecessary and inappropriate to say that the building was to be restored to the condition it was in at some particular earlier date.

The most important point argued by Mr Barnes was that the inclusion of items of restoration rendered the repairs notice invalid.

His Lordship thought that the decision as to what items to include in the repairs notice was one of discretion for the council. Even if the council erred in some respects in exercising that discretion, that would not affect the validity of the notice, which could only be held invalid on *Wednesbury* grounds ([1948] 1 KB 223), that is, if the council were completely mistaken as to the nature of their powers, or acted irrationally or took into account an irrelevant consideration.

There was nothing in the material before the court which compelled the conclusion that the council, when drafting and serving the notice, misunderstood their function or made an error of law.

It followed that the repairs notice was valid.

Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Slade agreed.

Solicitors: Roderick O'Driscoll & Partners, Maidstone; Treasury Solicitor; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr A. E. Drew, Ashford.

Crown court sentencing mistake

Regina v Seafield

The mistake of making a supervision order on sentencing an offender to a suspended six-month sentence for a single offence has had to be corrected four times by the Court of Appeal. The error contravened the provision in section 26(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 that a court was not empowered to make such a supervision order unless a prison sentence in excess of six months was imposed.

Mr Justice Peter Pain, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Steyn on May 17, so stated when giving the judgment of the court quashing a two-year supervision order made at Durham Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder J. de G. Walford) when he sentenced Susan Elizabeth Seafield, aged 27, to six months' imprisonment on May 21, 1987 on her conviction of theft of goods valued at £5.31 from Tesco Holdings Ltd.

A sentence of three months consecutive was passed on her plea of guilty to breach of a 12-month probation order made at the same court for two offences of theft.

The case was referred to the court by the Home Secretary under section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

HIS LORDSHIP stated that a similar error at the same crown court had been quashed in a judgment of the court given by Lord Justice Watkins in April 1987.

It was a difficult sentencing problem. A judge relied on the assistance of the court clerk. Their Lordships did not wish to see mistakes of a like nature emanating from the same crown court.

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Terms in letters sufficient to establish case

British Coal Corporation v South of Scotland Electricity Board

Before Lord Prosser

[Judgment March 4]

The British Coal Corporation were entitled to interim interdict against the South of Scotland Electricity Board to prevent them from purchasing or taking from any other source coal which was necessary for the operation of the SSEB's Longannet Power Station.

Lord Prosser so decided in the Outer House of the Court of Session in an action raised by the corporation against the board.

Mr A. C. M. Johnston, QC and Mr R. J. Reed for the pursuers; Mr R. N. M. MacLean, QC and Mr N. F. Davidson for the SSEB.

LORD PROSSER said that the non-existence of a formally executed contract for the supply of coal to Longannet had been acknowledged by the pursuers, who were previously known as the National Coal Board. However, it had been contended that an agreement for such supply had been constituted, *inter alia*, by an exchange of letters in 1963, before Longannet came into operation.

That correspondence included reference to an undertaking to make available the tonange of coal required during the lifetime of the station, and a provision for SSFB acceptance of the tonnages of coal which NCB agreed to supply.

The pursuers had argued that in terms of that agreement they were obliged to supply the coal required for the operation of Longannet throughout the life of the staton. Correspondingly, the SSEB were obliged to accept those supplies.

The pursuers also founded on a 1965 minute of agreement between the parties which narrated that the SSEB were to construct a coal-fired generating station at Longannet and the "NCB (in accordance with a contract in course of adjustment between the parties, to which these presents are complementary)" were "to supply the coal required for the said station".

The contract envisaged was never executed. However, the pursuers further pointed to a letter dated June 1, 1966, written on behalf of the SSEB, in which they stated that they "were prepared to allow the arrangement for the supply of coal to Longannet to rest on the exchange of letters and the meetings which had been held between the NCB and SSEB chairmen".

The pursuers contended that that letter erected the prior communings into a binding contract whereby they were obliged to meet all the SSEB's requirements for coal at Longannet throughout its life and the defenders were correspondingly obliged to satisfy those requirements by using coal obtained form the pursuers and from no one else.

The original correspondence had contained price fixing provisions said to operate for seven years with "review" thereafter. A subsequent agreement reviewing prices covering other stations as well as Longannet had contained a provisions that "the existing Longannet and Cockenzie agreements . . . shall continue to operate except that where conflict exists between this agreement and the Longannet and Cockenzie agreements, this agreement shall prevail".

The pursuers argued that that clause acknowledged the existence of a Longannet contract and showed that the subsequent pricing agreements were effectively supplementary in their nature. A further price agreement in 1986 contained a similar clause.

The pursuers had also relied upon a letter written by the SSEB to the pursuers in 1975 which stated that the Longannet arrangements were "a special deal for the life of the station".

The letter asserted that that was supported by "the fact that the Longannet mines were not provided with any other outlets", and stated that the defenders would expect the pursuers to keep faith with that concept. The pursuers contended that that letter confirmed that there was an exclusive contract coovering the whole life of Longannet. The mines operated by the pursuers close to Longannet had no other outlet.

The pursuers contended that their pleadings sufficiently demonstrated that a contract between the parties existed and that the intention of the parties to be bound in such a contract of exclusive supply for the life of Longannet was evident. The absence of an agreed price could be remedied by the court suppying a mechanism for settling a figure. Reference was made to *R. & J. Dempster v Motherwell Bridge* (1964 SC 308).

On that basis the pursuers had a *prima facie* case and there was "a case to argue and a case to answer" under reference to the case of *Reed Stenhouse (UK) Limited v Brodie* (1986 SLT 354). The SSEB were seeking tenders from others for coal requirements including those of Longannet and they should be interdicted *ad interim* from doing so.

The SSEB contended that the court should have regard to the relative strength of the parties' cases on argument and averment and reach a conclusion. The court had to be satisfied on the documentation that there was indeed a contract. Reference was made to the observations of Lord Fraser in *NWL Ltd v Woods* ([1979] 1 WLR 1294).

However, his Lordship was of the view that those observations did not raise any alternative or different test upon which they should decide the issue. They showed that on the subsequent issue of balance of convenience (or along with it) it might be proper to have regard to the ultimate likelihood of success where it was evident that there was a strong case either way.

On the prior issue of whether the pursuers had said enough to warrant consideration of the grant of interim interdict, his Lordship was satisfied that the test was so stated in *Reed Stenhouse*.

The SSEB further argued that the documents relied on by the pursuers did not constitute a contract of any kind. In any event they did not constitute an obligation to take coal. They did not reveal a contact for the exclusive supply of coal. The absence of a provision as to price or a mechanism for determining price was fatal.

There was a sharp contast between the present case and *R. & J. Dempster v Motherwell Bridge*. Price fixing between the parties was a complex matter and the court could not determine price in such circumstances.

It was submitted by the SSEB that the whole picture of a close mutual relationship with the pursuers devoting local mines and their whole capacity to Longannet and Longannet comitted to taking those supplies was unsound. Only 37 per cent of Longannet's requirements came from those sources.

The coal required to be mixed with a "sweetener." Twenty one per cent of supplies for Longannet in any event came from other sources within the pursuers' operation. Overall, including the sweetener supplied, 87 per cent of Longannet's requirements came from the pursuers and 13 per cent from elsewhere.

Despite seeing considerable force in the contention of the SSEB that the absence of a price mechanism was a serious problem for the pursurs, nonetheless his Lordship regarded the principle set out in the *Motherwell Bridge* as of prime importance.

If parties had apparently intended to bind themselves, the court should be slow to abort that intention on the basis that there was some inadequacy on a particular aspect.

The pursurs had made out a case which required answering both on the issue of whether the parties intended a binding contract and on whether that contract was for one of the life of Longannet under which all its requiremens would be taken from the pursuers.

If the fundamental intentions had been contractual and showed exclusive supply, his Lordship considered that the principle enunciated in *Motherwell Bridge* showed a means to maintain the efficacy of the intended contact. His Lordship was futher satisfied that a sufficient *prima facie* case had been made and that the pursuers' motion had to be considered in relation to the balance of convenience.

Even if the SSEB's case on the point of law had appeared strong, no other argument on balance of convenience was advanced in their favour.

The pursuers had contended that rejection of their supplies even for a short perid would have an irreversible and catastrophic effect upon the Scottish coal industry. If that was so, and it appeared to his Lordship that it could well be so, then cogent reasons existed for granting interim interdict, even if it had appeared that the pursuers' prospects were slender.

If there were any reasonable prospect of success for the pursuers it would be premature to embark on a course with such a potential for disaster for the Scottish coal industry.

In his Lordship's opinion the pleadings and arguments disclosed that there was a reasonable prospect that the pursuers would prove to be right. They were entitled to the interim interdict sought.

Solicitors: Mr A. Worthington; Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS.

Fresh evidence on appeal has to be important and reliable

Williamson v HM Advocate

Before the Lord Justice General (Lord Emslie), Lord Brand and Lord Allanbridge

[Judgment January 21]

Where it was contended that evidence existed which had not been heard at a criminal trial, a new trial would only be authorized if the evidence had not been available and could not reasonably have been made available at the original trial and, further, if the evidence was important and reliable and would have been likely to have had a material influence on the decision of the jury.

The High Court of Justiciary, sitting in its appellate capacity, so held in refusing an appeal against conviction for murder.

Lord Morton of Shuna, QC, and Mr Graham Bell for the appellant; Mr Alan Rodger, QC, Advocate-Depute, for the Crown.

THE LORD JUSTICE GENERAL, giving the opinion of the court, said that the ground of appeal was that there had been a miscarriage of justice. It was contended that significant additional evidence existed which had not been heard at the original trial and which not been available and could not reasonably have been made available at the trial.

The nature of the other additional evidence was set out in the precognitions of certain witnesses. The appellant's objective was to persuade the court to exercise its power under section 254(1)(c) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975, to set aside the verdict and to authorize the bringing of a new prosecution.

It appeared, however, that the appellant's real complaint was that the defence at his trial had been conducted on the wrong lines. Certain information which the appellant claimed he had given to his solicitor and which incriminated another man had not been included in the appellant's precognition nor had it been disclosed at any time to counsel who had conducted his defence at the trial.

In those circumstances, it appeared that the appeal was simply designed to give the appellant an opportunity to put forward, in a new trial, a full defence which could and should have been put forward at this original trial.

Two questions required to be asked:

First, could their Lordships be satisfied that the "additional evidence" relied upon by the appellant was evidence which had not been heard at the trial, and which had not been available and could not reasonably have been made available then?

Second, could their Lordships be satisfied that the additional evidence was at least capable of being described as important and reliable evidence which would have been likely to have had a material influence on the jury's determination of the critical issue at the trial?

If both questions could be answered in the affirmative, it would be open to the court to hold that a miscarriage of justice had taken place and to authorize the bringing of a new prosecution.

Their Lordships considered the precognitions submitted to them on behalf of the appellant and had no hesitation in holding that they should not allow the additional evidence to be heard.

Although some of the evidence had not been available at the original trial and could not reasonably have been made available then, none of it could be described as important and reliable evidence of the kind which, in any new trial, would have been likely to have a material part to play in the jury's determination. Accordingly the appeal would be refused.

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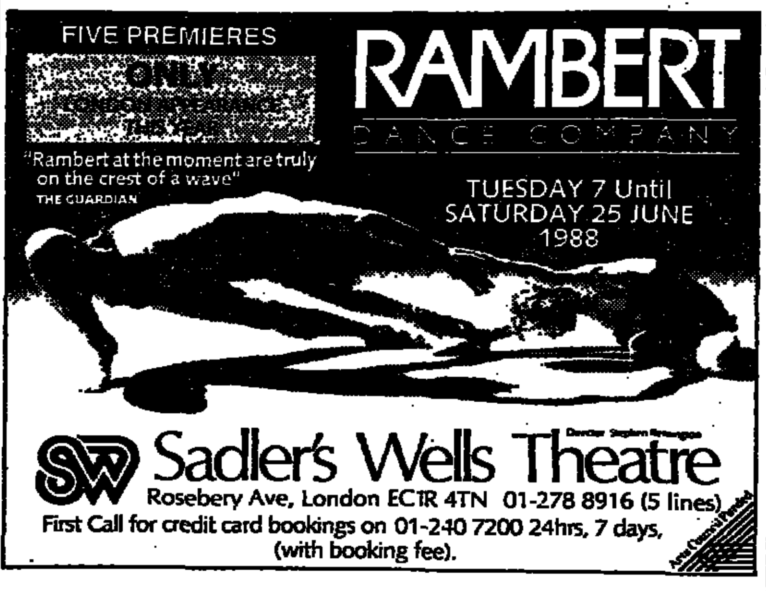

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Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God, for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

James 1:13

BIRTHS

BELL-IRVING - On May 18th to Fiona and Andrew, a daughter Diana Claire.

BUTTON - On May 12th, 1988 to Tracey and David, a daughter, Kimberley Adele.

CARVOSSO - On May 3rd, 1988 to Phyl and Paul, a son, James Alexander (Jamie), a brother for Sarah.

COTTON - On May 18th at Tiverton District Hospital, Devon, to Stephanie (née Hetherington) and Howard, a son, Sebastian James.

DAVEY - On May 16th, 1988 at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, to Susie (née Elliott) and Mike, a son, Pip Michael Elliott, a brother for Luke and Thomas.

ELLIOTT - On May 17th, 1988, to Claire (née Johnson) and Mark, a son, Philip Westcombe.

GIBSON - On April 26th, to Lalage (née Macnalie Dixon) and John, a daughter, a sister for Fergus.

GILBERTSON - On May 4th, 1988 to Marilyn (née Sutton) and Rhyddian, a daughter, Isobel Grace.

GLENDINNING - On May 18th, in West Palm Beach, Florida, to Mary (née Gallagher) and Hugh, a daughter, Georgia Colette.

GUNN - On May 17th, 1988, to Jane (née Worsfold) and Robert, a daughter, Victoria Livingston.

HILLEARY - On May 17th, to Fiona and Alasdair, a daughter, a sister for Flora and a friend for Scapa.

JENKINS - On May 13th, 1988, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Ivana and Charles, a daughter Helena Harriet, a sister for Alexandra.

LASCELLES - On May 18th, 1988 (in Cambridge) to Joanna and Hugo, a daughter, Rose.

ROBSON - On May 18th 1988, to Margaret (née Collie) and Michael, a son, Charles Michael.

RUSHTON - On May 15th at The R.U.H., Bath, to Maggie (née Bradley) and John, a daughter, Susanna Lucy, a sister for Katie and Peter.

STOCK - On May 18th, 1988 at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Lindsay (née Gibb) and Robin, a daughter, Elizabeth Lindsay.

VON BENZON - On May 15th, 1988 to Mariana and Nicholas, a son, Peter Joseph Nicholas, a brother for Nadia.

WISE - On April 22nd, 1988, to Elizabeth (née Lowther) and Richard, a son, Matthew David, a brother for James.

YOUNG - On May 11th, 1988, to Jeannine (née Bowden) and Scott, a son, Oliver John.

MARRIAGES

BELL:GEARING - On Saturday May 14th, 1988, at St. Mary Magdalen's, Oxford, David Maurice, only son of Mr & Mrs P A Bell of Gosforth, Northumberland to Margaret Louise, only daughter of Mr & Mrs A H Gearing, of Kibworth Beauchamp, Leicestershire.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CALVERT:FROW - On Saturday May 21st, 1938 at Christchurch, Streatham Hill, Henry Reginald to Eileen Mary (Bobbie). Now living in Reigate.

DEATHS

ARKELL - On May 18th, 1988, in Melbourne, Australia, Reginald (Jeff), Squadron Leader RAF (ret'd) aged 62 years. Dear husband of Doreen and father of Timothy, Christopher and David. Enquiries UK 0737 359785.

BERRY - On May 19th, in hospital, Michael Francis, aged 81, beloved husband of Prue and father of Priscilla. Funeral private. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's Church, Benefield, on Tuesday June 7th at 2.30. pm.

CANAWAY - On May 17th, 1988 William Hamilton of Main Street, Repton, Derbyshire, suddenly at home, aged 62 years. Dear husband of the late Pamela. Funeral Wednesday May 25th. Service 2.00pm at St. Wystans Church, Repton, prior to interment at Repton Cemetery. Flowers to Co-Operative Funeral Services, 8 Borough Rd, Burton on Trent, Staffs. Tel: 0283 68431.

CLANCY - On May 18th 1988, William (Bill) peacefully after a long struggle, at The Royal Free Hospital. Devoted husband of the late Teresa and loved father of Margaret, Kevin, Peter, Brian, Michael and Patricia. He will be sadly missed by his many friends from The Times Composing Room, 1960 - 1981. Funeral service at the Church of The Sacred Heart, Quex Road, NW6, on May 25th at 10 am.

CODINA - On Friday May 13th 1988, in Scarborough Hospital, Noel Marcelo aged 80 years (formerly West Riding Constabulary) of Farbeck, Rocks Lane, Burniston, Scarborough. Very dear husband of Freda, much loved and respected father of Martin and Elaine, dear father-in-law of Pauline and Tim. Most beloved grandfather of Heather, Fay, Geraldine and Robin. Cremation took place at Scarborough on Wednesday May 18th.

CRONE - On May 19th, peacefully in hospital, Irene widow of Charles and much loved mother of Morella, Penny, Margaret and John. Funeral Service at Christ Church Winchester on Wednesday May 25th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Alzhiemers Disease Society, c/o John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

FIELD-MARSHAM - On May 19th, peacefully at Burrswood Nursing Home, Groombridge, Joan. The beloved wife of Robert Field-Marsham and devoted mother of Rupert and dearly loved grandmother of her 5 grandsons. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Fordcombe on Wednesday May 25th at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Hospice at Home, Michael Tetley Hall, Sandhurst Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

GARRETT - On May 19th, 1988 Michael Dale, journalist and broadcaster, peacefully, after a brave battle with cancer, beloved husband of Carole, father of Mark and Dale, and loving 'Daddy' to all his dogs. Funeral and cremation at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, Norfolk, on Wednesday May 25th at 12 noon. All flowers to Broadland Funeral Services, 98 Norwich Road, Wroxham, by 10.30 am please.

GRACE - On May 17th, suddenly, Michael Anthony. Beloved husband of Philippa and dear father of Elizabeth, Diana, Rosamund and Peter. Funeral Service at the Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 11.00 am, Tuesday May 24th. There will be no Memorial Service. Enquiries to Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Rd, Oxford. Telephone: 0865 242829.

HOBSON - On May 19th, 1988 at her home, after a long illness borne with courage and unfailing cheerfulness, Elena Pauline Tanya, dearly loved wife of Anthony Hobson and mother of Jonathan, Emma, William and Charlotte. Funeral at St. Leonard's, Whitsbury, at 3pm on Tuesday May 24th. Flowers please to John Shering, 83 Church St., Fordingbridge (0425 53019).

HORSFIELD - On May 19th, 1988, Samuel Thorndike, aged 74 years. Much loved father of David and Louise. Service at Downs Crematorium, Brighton at 12.30pm Monday May 23rd. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to National Kidney Research Fund, London.

MOORE - On May 18th, peacefully, Ivy Helena Eversley, widow of the late Norman Moore and dearly loved mother of Ann, Jo and Jenny. Private funeral at Putney Vale crematorium at 12.00 noon Thursday 26th May.

MURRAY - On May 17th, 1988 suddenly and tragically, Thomas George (Tom), aged 63, very deeply loved and missed by his wife Shirley and children Duncan, Alison, Nicola and Iain. Service being held at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, Middlesex, on May 25th at 2pm, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. All enquiries to T. A. Ellement & Son Ltd, Pinner. 01-866 0324.

MUSPRATT - On May 18th, 1988 after a long illness bravely borne, Walter Dermott Filey Brabazon (Royal Navy retired) of Trenythek, Higher Bosavern, St Just, Penzance and formerly of Loughborough University. Much loved husband of Maggie, loving father of Annie and Margaret and his grandchildren James, Robert, Richard, Charles, Rachel and Peter. Cremation on Tuesday May 24th at 11am at Penmount Crematorium, Truro. Flowers to T Cuddy, Funeral Director, Lafrowda Close, St Just, Penzance. Tel: 0736 788654.

ODDIE - On May 19th 1988, peacefully at Christmas Close Hospital, Wareham, Norah, aged 68 years. Beloved wife of George and mother of Susan, Jane and Simon. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium on Tuesday May 24th at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired for Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund may be sent to Albert Marsh (Funeral Directors Ltd), St Michael's Road, Wareham, Dorset. Tel: 09295 2107.

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PARSONS - On May 19th, 1988 suddenly at home, Elizabeth Rose, wife of the late Frederick Joseph, step-mother of Timothy and step-grandmother of Justin and Leonora Roe. Requiem Mass at The Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Michael, Mount Street, Battle, East Sussex, on Tuesday May 24th at 2pm, followed by private committal. Flowers and enquiries to A.C. Towner Ltd, 2-8 Norman Road, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex. Telephone: (0424) 436386.

ROBSON - On May 19th, 1988, peacefully, Doctor John Alexander Robson M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Loved and missed by all his family and friends.

RUSSELL - On May 19th, 1988, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage, Arthur, dearly loved husband of Valérie. Funeral service at Hastings Crematorium, The Ridge, Hastings on Thursday May 26th at 3.00pm. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research may be sent to Ellis Bros, 18 Cinqueports Street, Rye. Telephone Rye 222394.

STOTT - On May 15th, 1988 at South Newton, Salisbury, Mollie (née Wood) widow of Brigadier Robert Stott CBE, late Sherwood Foresters, and mother of John Sedgwick.

WOODFORD - On May 17th, 1988, at The Lambeth Community Care Centre, aged 82, Ruth Mahy (née Lainé) loved mother of Peggy, Tom and Jamie and loving grandmother of Alison, Frances, Kate, Mogsy, Daniel and Nick. Gifts if desired to Help the Aged.

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IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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OWLES - Roger. Died 1 year ago, sadly missed and dearly loved always.

POPE - Alexander, born May 21st 1688. In memory of Alexander Pope, a great poet and Englishman.

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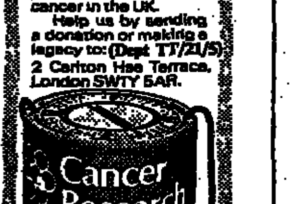

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 001357 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF FARNHAM PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 28th March 1988, confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £33,520,000 to £31,993,067 and the reduction of its Share Premium Account by £722,471.60 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 7th April, 1988.

Dated this 21st day of May 1988
Allen & Overy,
9 Cheapside,
London, EC2V 6AD
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 001645 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF BLUE ARROW PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 18th April, 1988 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered with the Registrar of Companies on the 22nd April, 1988.

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London, EC2V 6AD.
Solicitors for the above-named Company

Notice of appointment of liquidator
(Members'/Creditors')
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 600 of the
Companies Act 1985

Company Number: 1260601. Name of Company: Adul Electrical Services (Kent) Limited. Address of registered office: 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex, IG8 0PA. Liquidators name and address: Richard Andrew Segal, 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex, IG8 0PA. Date of appointment: 11th May 1988. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.

R.A. Segal - Liquidator
Date: 12/5/88.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 002681 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF
CHARTERHALL PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 5 May 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by the sum of £5,300,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday, 13 June 1988.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

21 May 1988
S J Berwin & Co
236 Grays Inn Road
London WC1X 8HB
Solicitors for the above-named Company
Ref: 67/C1806 17

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE
INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND THE MATTER OF
SOUTH EAST AIR LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)

Registered Office: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. Principal Trading Address: Biggin Hill Airport, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent, TN16 3BN. Company Number: 1890446.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rule 1986 that on 5th May 1988 I was appointed Liquidator of the above named company, which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the Creditors of the company.

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: Touche Ross & Co., 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW.

J P RICHARDS - Liquidator
South East Air Limited
(In Liquidation)

IN THE BIRMINGHAM COUNTY COURT
CASE NO. 87 72611
IN THE MATTER OF UNITY WORKS LTD AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition was on the 10th day of June 1987 presented to Birmingham County Court for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £36,666 divided into 27,666 £1 Ordinary Shares and 9,000 6% Cumulative Preference Shares to £27,666 consisting wholly of 27,666 £1 Ordinary Shares by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before His Honour Judge Micklem at 10.30 a.m. on Monday 13th day of June 1988 at Birmingham County Court, The Court House, 4 Newton Street, Birmingham.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under mentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charges for the same.

Dated this 17th day of May 1988.
Finn & Co. of Mercer House,
780a Hagley Road West, Oldbury,
Warley, West Midlands, B68 0PJ.
Solicitors for the above named Company

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified, after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

WINTERION WILLIAM RALPH 26 de WALDEN STREET, LONDON W1, died on 8th April 1988. Particulars to: D D C Monro of Monro Pennefather & Co. 38 Bedford Place, Bloomsbury Square, London WC1B 5JH. before 22nd July 1988.

RAWLINSON George Graham of 59 Cornmill Gardens, Wannock, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 5NR, died on 16th April 1988. Particulars to Peters and Peters, Solicitors of 2 Harewood Place, Hanover Square, London,W1R 9HB, before 31st July, 1988.

REES - Victor Horace of 20 Beaulieu Road, Cooden, Bexhill, East Sussex, TN39 3AD, died on 21st January 1987. Particulars to Speechly Bircham, Solicitors of Bouverie House, 154 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2HX, before 22nd July 1988.

FINANCIAL NOTICES

COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS

The Council of the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders have decided that the objects for which they were originally founded in 1868 have been so nearly achieved that their continued existence is no longer justified. They are consequently taking steps towards the liquidation of the Corporation, and their office is now closed except for matters relating to liquidation.

MISSISSIPPI BONDS IN DEFAULT

The Council of Foreign Bondholders announce a GENERAL REDISTRIBUTION of the undermentioned bonds placed on deposit with them.

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On 20th March 1980 the Council of Foreign Bondholders announced a GENERAL REDISTRIBUTION of 6% GOLD 10-YEAR TREASURY BONDS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF MEXICO 1913 (THIRD SERIES C) and of 6% FIRST AND SPECIAL MORTGAGE GOLD BONDS OF THE MEXICAN NATIONAL PACKING CO. LTD. deposited with the Council from 1922. To date TREASURY BONDS to a total nominal value of only $9,300 and MEXICAN NATIONAL PACKING CO. LTD. BONDS to a total nominal value of only $173,000 have been returned to bondholders in response to that announcement. Holders of the Council's Certificates of Deposit of these Bonds and of

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Dinners

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The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs Duncan Shaw, the Chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland and Lady Goold, the Secretary of State for Scotland and Mrs Rifkind, Sir William and Lady Heseltine, Lady Mararet Colville, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Rev Tom and Mrs Scott, the Rev James and Mrs Weatherhead and Mr and Mrs Russell Hillhouse.

Farriers' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner given by the Farriers' company last night at the Mansion House. Mr Arnold G.W. Scott, Master, Mr John Alsford, Upper Warden, Mr Derek Tavernor, Middle Warden and Mr Timothy Neligan, Renter Warden, received the guests. The Master presided and the Lord Mayor, Mr Brian Wilson, Chief Commoner, the Renter Warden and Mr David Emms, Master of the Skinners' Company also spoke.

London Devonian Association

The Earl and Countess of Morley and Mr Justice and Lady Nolan were the guests of honour at the centennial dinner of the London Devonian Association held last night at the Park Court Hotel. Mr F. Ashe Lincoln, QC, president, presided. Among those present were:

Sir Peter Emery, MP, and Lady Emery, Sir Michael Caine and Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Mrs Ashe Lincoln, Mr and Mrs Michael Carpenter and the Mayor and Mayoress of Torbay.

Suffolk Lieutenancy

Major-General J.B. Dye, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, presided at a dinner given by the Deputy Lieutenants last night at Seckford Hall to mark the tenth anniversary of Sir Joshua Rowley's appointment as Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk.

Royal College of Radiologists

Professor E. Rhys Davies, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, and Mrs Rhys Davies were hosts at a dinner held last night at Apothecaries' Hall in honour of Sir John Kingman, who had earlier delivered the Crookshank lecture at the Royal Institute of British Architects. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Dainton, Lady Kingman, Sir Anthony and Lady Grabham, Professor Sir Patrick and Lady Forrest, Sir Gordon and Lady Robson, Sir John and Lady Walton, Judge Monier-Williams, Dr J T L Birley, Professor and Mrs A C Kennedy, Dr and Mrs M F Oliver, Dr and Mrs R M Oliver, Dr E R Rue and Mr and Mrs I P Todd.

London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association

Mr Andrew Keenan, President of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Justice Farquharson was the principal speaker and Mr S. Dawson and Mr Allan Green, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, also spoke. Among those present were:

Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, Sir David Hopkin, Sir John Wickerson, Mr Peter Imbert, Judge Shindler, QC, Mr D S Gandy, Mr J L Heritage, Mr A Lockley and Mr I Fowler.

Royal Over-Seas League

Mr Douglas Kinloch Anderson, President of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce and Manufactures, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner for Scottish members of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, Edinburgh. Mr Donald Cormack, Chairman of the Edinburgh branch committee, presided.

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EDUCATION HORIZONS

Happiest days of your life

If you are thinking of opening a prep school, and so taking advantage of parental dissatisfaction with the state sector, it could be worthwhile approaching the Business Expansion Scheme, says SARAH THOMPSON

Andrea Greystoke is one of those women who are used as Good Examples by the kind of women's magazines that bully the rest of us into making more of our opportunities.

In her early twenties, she was already a novelty, as the first woman teacher to be employed at St Paul's Boys School in London.

She then became an investment analyst — but when her husband moved to the United States she gave up her job and devoted herself to having and raising six children, including twins.

Now at 42 and enviably slim, attractive and well dressed, she is back in England, and has set up her own business, a school in St John's Wood which hit the headlines last year as the first school to be established under the Government's Business Expansion Scheme.

In the past year Andrea has learned that opening a new school is something that many people toy with as an idea, but which few achieve. It could have been easy for her to have been discouraged by the initial reaction of banks that she approached for finance.

"They all said that it was a marvellous idea — but not for them," she says ruefully. She believes, however, that now is the time to set up a school for the nursery-to-prep school age group in London, where parental dissatisfaction with state schools has for long been running high and the future of the Inner London Education Authority is confusing, whichever way you look at it.

Even more of a problem than finding finance was that of finding a suitable property. Andrea was looking for a large house in a smart area that she knew reasonably well (she lives in Hampstead); somewhere quiet and safe for children to be delivered and picked up from, yet where the residents would not be hostile to the twice-daily traffic jam of mums.

"I get lots of people telling me they want to set up a school and asking for advice", she says, "and the best thing I can suggest is that the first priority is to find a property. Property first, then financing."

The large Victorian house she eventually managed to buy had to be heavily mortgaged, planning permission was needed (not a huge problem in the Westminster borough) and enormous faith had to be put in builders who had to convert it into a school, subject to myriad regulations, in time for the hoped- for first classes in September.

Having decided to get backing through the Business Expansion Scheme, Andrea had to draw up a full prospectus for potential investors. She brought together not only a board of governors but also a board of directors, both chaired by Westminster councillor, Dr David Avery.

Under the BES, investors last year received tax relief and as an added incentive Andrea offered shareholders who bought more than 3,500 shares a discount on school fees for any child of their choice.

She forecast that in the first year they would make a loss but would start making a profit from then on. "We are running Abercorn Place as a business, not as a charity," she says. The fees are not low but she reckons they are competitive with the posher London pre-prep and prep schools: £970 a term for a full-day pupil, £575 for a half day pupil.

The Business Expansion Scheme brought in £420,000 worth of investment, close to the £500,000 ceiling placed by the Government.

The offer of low fees for children nominated by big shareholders has still to be taken up, indicating that there are enough people — apart from large institutions such as banks — who are interested in investing in private education purely for the profit.

Instead of hiring a market research firm to find out what prospective parents would want from the school, Andrea did her own leg work while applying for planning permission to convert the building.

She went round St John's Wood knocking on doors, and to her astonishment her proposal was warmly welcomed by dozens of wealthy young families; 150 letters were written to the planning department supporting the scheme.

Everything was going well until August when the builders took Andrea aside and gently broke the news that her lovely new school had rampant dry rot.

"We just had to take it for granted that we were going to start in September", she says. "But you can imagine how it was. At the beginning of the month we were crossing our fingers. We had dry rot, the builders were all over the place, we had no staff to show parents the school — and not even a school for them to see."

But still the parents came and enrolled their children, from all over north London, and 70 pupils were enrolled on the first day of term. By next September the school will have more than doubled to 150 pupils, Andrea predicts — parents are proposing to bus their children to St John's Wood from Muswell Hill, a name that Andrea pronounces with disbelief, rather as though it were Outer Mongolia. Clearly, there is a constant supply of well-off young parents determined to get what they see as a good education that is traditional without being oppressive.

The school's ethos of discipline and good behaviour was tailor-made to suit the preferences of the kind of parents Andrea wanted to attract. The children are carefully marshalled, learn poetry off by heart and wear a natty uniform of red, white and grey. "Designing the uniform was definitely the fun part", says Andrea. "It had to be easily available — I hate uniforms that drive parents to distraction.

She is aware that there is a limit to how far a school can be regarded as just another investment opportunity. While the investors are guaranteed their money back if the school were to fold, the children cannot get their education back and the most Andrea could do in the unlikely event of the school's failing would be to promise to find them places at similar schools.

If the school really gets off the ground, on the other hand, Andrea hopes to diversify, possibly by opening a sister school elsewhere in London or by moving into educational publishing; even if this does not happen she will have enjoyed herself.

"I doubt if I shall ever make myself very rich doing this", she says, "but I am using my experience and contacts to the full and above all I love working with young children."

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RUGBY UNION: LEICESTER WING TAKES LITTLE PART IN TRAINING

Evans warms his heels as he prepares to understudy Underwood

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Brisbane

It is not so long ago that more than two-thirds of Australia's national side came from Queensland; at Concord Oval last Sunday the sunshine state had only four players in the team that beat the World XV, which has cast almost as much of a gloom over Queenslanders as the recent unseasonable rain.

The state finished bottom of the South Pacific Championship, warmed only by a win over Wellington and with defeat against New South Wales sticking in their craw at the end. Given those circumstances and the fact that the Australian team to play England will be announced on Monday, there is every reason to suppose that Queensland's representatives at Ballymore tomorrow will give England a stiff examination in the second match of their tour.

It would be no surprise to hear today that Underwood has withdrawn from the match. The Leicester wing took little part in training yesterday and his ankle is still causing him pain when he is running and turning. "I'm still in with a shout but the shout is getting fainter," he said wryly as his colleagues worked in bright sunshine at the Church of England Boys' School here.

If he steps down, Evans, his club colleague, will play after recovering from a blistered heel. Richards, the No. 8, went for a precautionary X-ray examination of his right knee yesterday and was relieved to find that all was clear; Redman, who played an effective game at second row against Queensland Country on Tuesday, had an X-ray test on his ribs, which have been causing him discomfort over the last two days.

He broke a rib nearly four months ago but was able to play shortly after; it must be hoped that a belated reaction is not catching him up. The casualty list was completed by Egerton, the Bath No. 8, who is not involved tomorrow. He was confined to his room with influenza.

A good showing by England will probably confirm all but a couple of the international places for next weekend's match on the same ground. But Queensland are by no means short of experience and ability: Lynagh, capped 23 times by Australia, makes his comeback after a knee operation, intent on preserving his place at stand-off half against the challenge of Brian Smith and there are seven other internationals in the team, including Savai, the Fijian lock.

McBain, the hooker who toured Britain in 1984, sees this as the opportunity to recover the international place he lost to Lawton, his fellow Queenslander, on that tour and eradicate the perpetual replacement tag. Gardner, capped against Argentina last autumn, is under consideration for the vacant back-row place caused by Poidevin's retirement. Australia may also have to choose a new No. 8 if Tuynman is not fit. His back injury has forced him out of the City v Country match in Sydney this weekend.

QUEENSLAND: G Martin; P Grigg, R Tombs, M Cook, A Knox; M Lynagh (captain), P Slattery; R Lawton, M McBain, A McIntyre, J Miller, D Cooper, L Savai, J Gardner, B Nasser.

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Referee: A McNeill (New South Wales).

All clear for the No. 8: Richards has passed his X-ray test

13-game Lions tour is mooted

From David Hands

If Australian proposals are accepted, next year's British Lions tour to Australia — the first time the Lions will have made a full tour to that country — will begin at Perth against Western Australia in late May and conclude against a Combined Australia-New Zealand side here in Brisbane early in July.

The 13-match tour drawn up by the Australian Rugby Union has yet to be approved by the four home unions, whose deliberations should be known during the next three months.

At much the same time, if recent practice is followed, the Lions manager and coach should be announced and Clive Rowlands, the former Wales scrum-half and coach who managed the Lions in their International Board centenary match in 1986 and Wales's World Cup party last year, is among the candidates for the former post.

There has been criticism in Britain that Australia will struggle to provide worthwhile opposition over 13 matches — which, given Australia's international record over the last five years, seems somewhat harsh — and it is admitted here that in some instances opposition has been manufactured in a way which would not be the case in New Zealand or South Africa, where the provincial game is strong.

There is nothing progressive Australians would like more than to see Rugby Union's power base widened beyond the two state powers of New South Wales and Queensland, and there is optimism that Australian Capital Territory may become a useful force, as may Western Australia, although the geographical problem of bringing WA into a provincial championship remains daunting.

It is also pointed out that there is nothing magical about the figure of 13 matches and that, if the Lions wanted to make, for example, a 10-match tour, Australia would be happy to comply.

As it is, the Lions will play three internationals, plus the Barbarian-style game at the end. If the itinerary is accepted they will play Australia B in Melbourne to encourage Rugby Union in Victoria and will meet Australian Universities as one of the four matches preceding the first international.

Queensland, whom they will play a week before the second international, propose to tour Chile, Paraguay and Argentina next year., whence comes an interesting tale regarding Australia's visit to South America last year.

It was suggested, I understand, by representatives of the South African Rugby Board that the Wallabies should meet the Springboks in Santiago at the end of that tour; perhaps, given that Australia lost their series with Argentina, it was as well they did not, never mind the political repercussions.

PROPOSED LIONS ITINERARY (dates to be negotiated): v Western Australia (Perth); v Australian Universities (Sydney); v New South Wales (Sydney), v Australia B (Melbourne); v Australia (Sydney); v Australian Capital Territory (Canberra); v Queensland (Brisbane); v Queensland B (Cairns); v Australia (Brisbane); v New South Wales V (Gosford); v Australia (Sydney); v New South Wales Country (Newcastle); v Australia-New Zealand (Brisbane).

Footwear given the big boot

Nigel Melville, the former England captain, is flying to Australia to try to resolve a problem over claims that the boots the English tour party are contracted to wear have been rejected by the players as unsuitable.

Although Geoff Cooke, the tour manager, said that "almost all the 26 members of the squad are unhappy with the Nike-made footwear," Dudley Wood, the Rugby Union secretary, back in England, said: "The suitability of Nike boots, which have been used for two full seasons, is not in question."

In the World Cup in 1987 many of the boots manufactured by Nike, an American firm based at Heckmondwike, Yorkshire, fell apart during England's four games here.

"It's the last thing we need," Cooke said. "You expect injuries caused by playing and training but not by equipment. I am upset because the players are complaining and naturally cannot concentrate fully on the work they should be putting into practice.

"They should be able to put on their gear and forget about it. International sportsmen should be able to rely on their equipment. Imagine a top footballer, tennis player, golfer or boxer actually complaining that his footwear hurts him before he faces his opposition."

Alan Davies, the coach, said: "We have no option but to let the players wear their own boots if they need to in our game against Queensland in Brisbane on Sunday."

The deal is that England wear Nike boots whenever they play as England but the players feel that the manufacturers have let them down, so the contract is void. All sorts of boots will be worn but with the trademark blotted out.

Nigel Redman, the lock, did not train yesterday because he has more blisters on his feet than healthy skin. All his studs on one boot came off during the opening match in midweek. Simon Halliday, the centre, said: "The boots don't fit. I am not going to wear them."

Clement is not intimidated

From Chris Than
Wellington

The prospect of facing the intimidating Wellington forwards at Athletic Park would leave most 21-year-old full backs with a sense of foreboding. But not Anthony Clement of Wales.

Clement, whose controversial, yet sterling debut against England in the five nations championship created a stir, viewed today's clash with the powerful New Zealand provincial side with a remarkable display of cool.

Paradoxically, in spite of his relative international inexperience, he has played at Athletic Park more often than any of his senior Welsh colleagues.

"I know the ground very well and I've played with or against most of the Wellington players," said Clement, after a hard training session in pouring rain yesterday.

"I played at Athletic Park four times for a Wellington club called Poneke last season," Clement said. "I don't mind if it rains — though I would naturally prefer a dry day — but the wind could be a real problem. I hope that after Thursday's storm it will die down for the rest of the weekend."

Clement: gaining experience

Last summer Clement played in 14 of Poneke's 20 championship games, returning home to Swansea in August before his talent had been rewarded with Wellington representative honours. Many local experts agree that Clement had been the front-runner for the stand-off halfposition in the provincial team.

Clement's ambition, however, had always been to play for Wales, a dream that was to come true a few months after his return home. He openly acknowledges the debts he owes New Zealand rugby for his swift promotion to the international scene.

"It was a tremendous experience and it did me a lot of good. I came to New Zealand to further my career and I have to say that my spell with Poneke did just that. I have become more confident and more committed. Now I train harder and more intensely. My whole attitude has changed, thanks to the days I spent in Wellington."

Although he has still played only a limited number of games at full back the confidence of the Swansea player seems to grow with every outing.

He was the best Welsh player against Waikato on Wednesday, when he added another try to his increasingly large collection of scores against foreign opposition.

His blistering pace is an asset greatly valued by Welsh coaches, who secretly hope that Clement's dash and turn of speed can bring more points from the unorthodox options often taken by Jonathan Davies.

Gibson's place taken by Anderson

By George Ace

An all-Ulster front and back row will be in action for an Ireland XV in the final game of their four-match tour, against the French Barbarians at La Rochelle tomorrow. And Anderson, who has won high praise for his leadership, switches to No. 8 from lock in place of Gibson, who has returned home for business reasons.

Ken Murphy, the Munster and Constitution wing, moves to full back for Danaher and there is a new half-back pairing, Brady and Ward. Moylett and Galway are the locks. Francis, an outstanding forward on the tour, was not considered after being detained in hospital overnight with concussion received in Wednesday's game.

The Irish have won one of their three games to date. "The strength of the opposition has surprised us," Ken Reid, the tour manager, said yesterday.

"We did not expect to meet a bevy of international players in each game. In the circumstances I am very pleased with the team's performance."

IRELAND XV: K Murphy (Constitution); J Sexton (Dublin University), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), P Clinch (Lansdowne), P Purcell (Lansdowne); A Ward (Greystones), R Brady (Ballymena); P Millar (Ballymena), S Smith (Ballymena), J McCoy (Bangor), D Whittle (Bangor), M Moylett (Shannon), M Galway (Shannon), D McBride (Malone), W Anderson (Dungannon, captain).

Chalmers steps into Scottish breach

From a Correspondent
Bulawayo

Scotland have been forced to make one change in their side to face Zimbabwe at here today. Richard Cramb, of Harlequins, has withdrawn because of a back problem, a recurrence apparently of a previous injury, and his place at stand-off half goes to Craig Chalmers, aged 19, of Melrose.

Chalmers was capped in the B international against France this year, and has been tipped by many to be the natural successor to John Rutherford. He gave confirmation of this with an authoritative performance against Goshawks on Wednesday, when the Scots won 48-6.

Chalmers has played only once before with Greig Oliver, the Scotland scrum half from Hawick, when the two were paired together in the South of Scotland team against Glasgow.

Elsewhere, Scotland have made three other changes to the side which narrowly defeated Mashonaland last Saturday in Harare, two of these because of injury. Alex Moore, the Edinburgh Academicals winger, displaces Derek Stark, and Paul Burnell, the Anglo-Scot, comes in at tight-head prop for the injured George Graham.

Kevin Rafferty makes his debut at flanker, replacing Sean McCaughey, who was not considered for selection on medical advice. The Hawick back-row player suffered from shock after the team's bus accident last Monday.

In all, Scotland have seven full caps, six B internationals and two players — Burnell and Jim Hay, the hooker — who are new at this level. Richie Dixon, their coach, said: "Scotland should forget that 60-21 victory over Zimbabwe in the World Cup last year. Out here, Scotland have to play in different conditions with temperatures of around 72° F and at an altitude of 4,500 feet. But we're out here to win and I think we have now adjusted our play to local interpretations of the laws."

In fact only three of the Scotland side today, Matt Duncan, Doug Wyllie and Oliver, played in the Scots' World Cup victory.

Zimbabwe field five members of their World Cup squad and 10 of the Mashonaland side which came close to toppling Scotland last Saturday. The Scots, however, have now trained together for 10 days and that, along with their acclimatization, should make them favourites today.

SCOTLAND: P Dods (Gala); M Duncan (West of Scotland), R Maclean (Gloucester), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP), A Moore (Edinburgh Academicals); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Oliver (Hawick); D Butcher (Harlequins), J Hay (Hawick), P Burnell (London Scottish), C Gray (Nottingham), D Cronin (Edinburgh Academicals), K Rafferty (Heriot's FP), D Turnbull (Hawick), H Parker (Kilmarnock). Replacements: B Brown (Boroughmuir), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), D Leckie (Edinburgh Academicals), G MacGregor (Glasgow Academicals), S McAslan (Glasgow Academicals), I Ramsay (Melrose).

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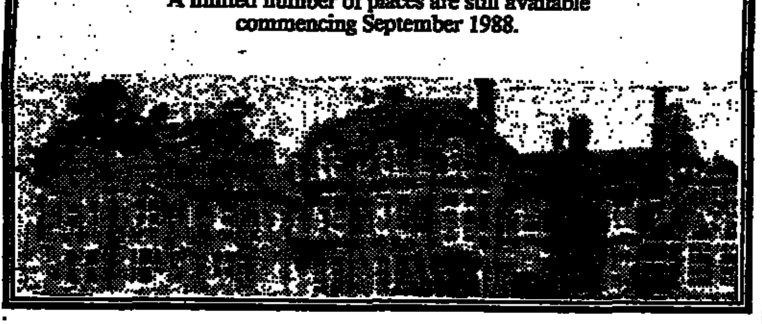

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ATHLETICS

Aouita starts Olympic year off the beaten track

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Said Aouita begins his campaign for a second Olympic gold medal with a 3,000 metres in Tenerife this afternoon. Aouita won the 5,000 metres in Los Angeles, but maintains that he is returning to 1,500 metres — one of the four distance at which he holds the world record — in Seoul.

That remains to be seen, for Aouita, a Moroccan, said the same thing prior to his 5,000 metres victories at both the 1984 Olympics and the world championships in Rome last year. He broke a toe during a weight-training session in late January, which, with other injuries contributed to him missing almost three months of training during the winter.

The choice of venue, somewhat off the beaten athletic tracks, is due to his involvement with a Spanish sponsor. But it affords him the opportunity, as he said earlier this week, "to have a low-key race, just to see how I've recovered". He is likely to be pushed, however, by Ibrahim Boutaib, the young Moroccan *who he coaches* and who set a teenage world best for 5,000 metres last year.

● Jamie Henderson is another youngster with an important date this afternoon, in the GRE British Athletics League in Birmingham. Henderson, one of the favourites for the world junior 100 metres title in Canada in late July, has a run out with his training partner, Elliot Bunney, who preceded him as European junior sprint champion.

● David Bigham is yet another youngster on the path to further glory. Bigham, who broke Daley Thompson's world age-16 decathlon record last month, competes in the AAA junior decathlon championship in Gateshead.

Dependent on the weather, Ian Grant, Bigham's coach, feels his charge can push towards 7,000 points this weekend. Grant said yesterday: "David's best is 6,701pts at the moment. Daley's age-17 world record is, 7,517pts; *that's where he* made the big leap forward. But David has still got 14 months until he's 18. But he's full of confidence after last weekend".

Bigham won five events at the Essex junior championships, including taking 0.8sec off his longest-standing personal best, with 49sec for the 400 metres.

CYCLING

Visentini has load in absence of Roche

Rome (Reuter) — The Tour of Italy sets off on Monday with both Sean Kelly, the Tour of Spain winner, and his Irish colleague, Stephen Roche, missing. Roche, last year's winner, is *unable to defend his pink jersey* through a knee injury.

But if the multitudes of Italians who will crowd the road verges over the next three weeks, including a two-day trip into Austria, are hoping that Roberto Visentini, winner of the Giro d'Italia two years ago, or Giuseppe Saronni, *the 1983* victor and runner-up in 1986, are likely to repeat those triumphs, they seem destined for disappointment. Most of the heavily tipped riders are foreign.

Urs Zimmermann and Toni Rominger, the Swiss mountain specialists, Jean-François Bernard, of France, Pedro Delgado, of Spain and Erik Breukink, of The Netherlands, are favoured among the 180 riders, of whom only 82 are Italian.

Although Visentini and Saronni are again the main Italian standard-bearers, the *five uphill* finishes during the 3,631-km race, make stamina and climbing crucial — not the forte of the leading Italians.

It is not a view shared by Visentini. "I have never felt as good as I do now before the Giro," he said. The Italian has a history of his nerve failing him at crucial moments but he denied that having Zimmermann as a team colleague could lead to a repeat performance of last year's acrimonious dispute for the lead with Roche.

Greg LeMond, the winner of the Tour de France in 1986, is *expected to make his comeback* to major tours after the shotgun accident while hunting in 1987.

But if the Americans are looking for another big tour triumph, it is more likely to come from Andrew Hampsten, who has been training hard in Italy during the winter months, and Davis Phinney. Both are good climbers — essential on June 7, when the riders cross into Austria on a 160-km stage between Merano and Innsbruck before returning to Italy the next day. They will climb and descend a total of 27,250 metres as *they cross the Appenine and* Dolomite ranges.

MOTOR CYCLING

Lawson has score to settle at Imola

Imola (Reuter) — Eddie Lawson, who has twice been world champion, will be hoping to erase an unhappy memory with a victory in the Italian grand prix 500cc race, which returns to Imola tomorrow after an absence of five years, following alterations to the track.

The American, the championship leader, has won two of the season's four races. He finished third in the last grand prix here, a placing which helped lose his team captain, Kenny Roberts, the 1983 world title.

"My job was to put myself second between Roberts and Freddie Spencer so Kenny would win the title. But I didn't feel up to beating either of them in those days," Lawson said yesterday. "I apologised to Kenny afterwards but he was furious with me. I *need a victory to cancel that* memory out."

Roberts, a triple world champion, now has a manager's job at Yamaha. Lawson went on to be crowned world champion in 1984 and 1986.

Wayne Gardner, of Australia, who took the 500cc title last year, poses the biggest threat to Lawson at Imola. The defending champion has not won a race for Honda this season but lies second overall on 60 points to Lawson's 72. Another American, Wayne Rainey, runner-up *to Lawson in Portugal two* weeks ago, is third with 50 points.

The battle is closer in the 250cc class. Only a point separates the leader, Sito Pons, from fellow-Spaniard Juan Garriga. The title-holder, Anton Mang of West Germany, five times champion, lies fifth.

McHugh ready to join fray

By Peter Bryan

Paul McHugh, whose third national sprint championship run was halted by Eddie Alexander last year returns to the track today at Middlesbrough.

The Liverpool youngster, aged 20, has recently returned from five weeks competition in Trinidad and is satisfied that a serious muscle strain which kept him out of action most of last season, is healed.

It was that injury — which he hid — that brought his defeat by Alexander, who then won the 1,000 metre time trial and the tandem sprint with Stuart Brydon. "When I rode the sprint *final I couldn't jump and even* standing still on the bike was painful," McHugh said.

His hope to turn the tables on the Scot may not take place today, however. Alexander, of Gloucester, expects to be moving home this weekend and may have to scratch.

The country's two top sprinters are in sharp contrast in styles: McHugh, only 5ft 5in but weighing 12st 3lb, has huge leg development and powers his bike. Alexander, 6ft 1in is about the same weight, and is a stylist.

ROWING

Finale for sprint title

The national finals of the Leyland Daf power sprint championships takes place tomorrow at the Peterborough Regatta course by the River Nene (Jim Railton writes). This is the second national power sprints held over 500 metres with racing boats, oars and ergometers as prizes. The regional heats have been held in Glasgow, Worcester and Kingston on Thames and over 1,700 oarsmen and women competed.

The single sculls has attracted two distinguished "golden oldies" — Arnold Cooke, the 1964 European double sculls silver *medal winner, and Tim Crooks*, an Olympic competitor. Crooks, who achieved three final places in world and Olympic regattas between 1972 and 1977, is also entered for the power sprint sculls.

The eights' field vying for the prize of a racing eight will be Cambois, Rob Roy, Nottingham Union, Cambridge 99, Hollingworth Lake, Hereford, Clydesdale, Thames Tradesmen, London University, Oriel, Tideway Scullers, Tees, St Edwards School Oxford, Agecroft and City of Oxford.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Rous Cup
England v Scotland (at Wembley, 3.0)

World Cup Qualifying round Group six
Northern Ireland v Malta (at Windsor Park, Belfast, 3.0)

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy
10.45 to 7.15, 55 overs
HEADINGLEY: England v West Indies.

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Derbyshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Yorkshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Worcestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Sussex.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Northamptonshire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Essex.

Other matches
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Middlesex.
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Lancashire.

TOUR MATCH: Osterley: Indian Gymkhana CC v Aboriginals (1.0, one-day).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ashville v Bradford GS; Blundell's v Taunton; Bradfield Waifs v Bradfield; Charterhouse v Free Foresters; Downside v Wanderers; Forest v Old Foresters; Haileybury v Clifton; Harrow v Radley; Millfield v Marlborough; Rugby v Cheltenham; Sherborne v XL Club; Tonbridge v Bedford; Trent v Warwick; Wellington v Eton; Winchester v I Zingari.

HANDBALL

BRITISH CUP: Finals (at Granby Halls, Leicester, 10.0): Senior: Women: Halewood Town v Manchester United SSS (3.45). Men: Liverpool v Ruislip Eagles (5.30).

VOLLEYBALL

NATWEST SUPERCUP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-offs (at Armitage Centre, Manchester): Men: Malory v Time Out Spark (9.0); Liverpool City v Redwood Lodge (9.0); Malory v Redwood Lodge (2.30); Liverpool City v Time Out Spark (2.30). Women: Sale v Spark (11.30); Arsenal Britannia v Ashcombe (11.30); Sale v Ashcombe (5.0); Arsenal Britannia v Spark (5.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOARD SAILING: Gola Grand Prix (at Christchurch, Dorset, 11.0).

CANOEING: Junior racing regatta (at Holme Pierrepont).

ATHLETICS: British League: First division (various venues); Isle of Wight marathon; Yorkshire AAA women's championships (at Cleckheaton).
BOXING: Junior ABA finals (at York Hall, Bethnal Green). Tournament: Stratton Community Centre, Swindon.
GOLF: WPGA Olivetti tournament (at Moor Hall); English Women's championship (at Little Aston GC, Sutton Coldfield); Scottish Women's championship (at Southerness); Tillman Trophy (at Royal Liverpool).
JUDO: British team championship (at Glasgow).
KARATE: BKK Clicker championships (at Crystal Palace NSC).
MOTORCYCLING: ACU British road race championships (at Carnaby Raceway); Championship races (at Brands Hatch).
ORIENTEERING: Scottish championships (at Trossachs, Aberfoyle).
REAL TENNIS: World tournament (at Seacourt Club, Hayling Island).
ROWING: Strathclyde regatta; Twickenham regatta.
WATER SKIING: British senior open championships (at Salford).
***VOLLEYBALL:* *Super Cup: Semi-finals* (at The Armitage Centre, Manchester).**
SWIMMING: ASA three metre and highboard championship (at Leeds); Scottish national open short course masters (at Glasgow).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN BASKETBALL: BBC1 10.50 p.m.: Conference semi-finals.
CRICKET: BBC2 4.35-7.25 p.m.: Texaco Trophy: Live coverage of England v West Indies from Headingley (see also Grandstand).
FOOTBALL: ITV 2.30 p.m.: Rous Cup: England v Scotland live from Wembley. Border/Central/Granada 12 noon: Soccer Sixes from Brisbane. Ulster 11.05 p.m.: Highlights of Northern Ireland v Malta.
GRANDSTAND: BBC1 10 40 a.m.-5.05 p.m.: Cricket: Texaco Trophy: England v West Indies from Headingley. Football: *Preview of Rous Cup and League play-off* finals. Boxing: Derek Williams v Mark Young from Portsmouth. Racing: 2.0, 2.30 and 3.30 races from Lingfield Park. 3.50 Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas from the Curragh. Motorcycling: ACU British road race championships from Carnaby Raceway. Final score: 4.55 p.m.
RACING: C4 3 p.m.: 3.05, 3.35, 4.10 and 4.40 races from Newmarket. 3.50 Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas from the Curragh.
RUGBY UNION: HTV Wales 11.05 p.m.: *Coverage of Wellington v Wales.*
SQUASH RACKETS: Grampian/Scottish TV 1.30 p.m.: Racquet challenge from Aberdeen.

Tomorrow

FOOTBALL: Border/Central/Granada 2.30 p.m.: Soccer Sixes from Brisbane. Grampian/Scottish TV 2.30 p.m.: Coverage of Scottish Junior Cup final.
ICE SKATING: C4 6 p.m.: Skate Electric international challenge from Bracknell.
SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: BBC2 1.30-6.40 p.m.: Cricket: Refuge Assurance League: Kent v Yorkshire from Canterbury. Motorcycling: ACU British road race championships from Carnaby Raceway.
CHALLENGE TO SPORT: C4 7-7.15 p.m.: The attractions of archery.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

International match
Republic of Ireland v Poland (at Lansdowne Road, 3.30)

CRICKET

Refuge Assurance League
2.0 unless stated, 40 overs
NEWPORT: Glamorgan v Derbyshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Yorkshire (1.30).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Worcestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Sussex.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Northamptonshire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Essex.

Other match
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Middlesex.
MINOR COUNTIES KNOCKOUT COMPETITION: Qualifying round: Nantwich: Cheshire v Staffordshire; Penrith: Cumberland v Lincolnshire; Durham City: Durham v Northumberland; Welshpool: Wales MC v Shropshire.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL DIVISION: Leeds Cougars v Bournemouth Bobcats; Leicester Panthers v Nottingham Hoods (2.0); London Olympians v Luton Flyers; London Ravens v Chelmsford Cherokees (2.30); Northampton Stormbringers v Birmingham Bulls (2.30); Thames Valley Chargers v Manchester Spartans.

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OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: City of Aberdeen Milk marathon; Pearl Assurance Ramathon half-marathon (at Derby).
BOARD SAILING: Gola Grand Prix (at Christchurch, Dorset, 11.0).
CANOEING: Junior racing regatta (at Holme Pierrepont).
GOLF: Tillman Trophy (at Royal Liverpool).
MOTORCYCLING: ACU British road race championships (at Carnaby Raceway); British 500cc moto-cross championship: Fourth round (at Paisley).
MOTOR SPORT: Lucas British Formula three championship (at Brands Hatch); Sports car international (at Donington Park).
ORIENTEERING: Scottish relay championships (at North Achray Forest, Aberfoyle).
REAL TENNIS: *World tournament (at Seacourt Club, Hayling Island).*
SHOOTING: Beretta World sporting championship (at Apsley, near Andover).
SWIMMING: ASA three metre and highboard championship (at Leeds); Scottish national open short course masters (at Glasgow).

RACING: FRENCH FILLY CAN FOIL O'BRIEN IRISH CLASSIC DOUBLE

Bitooh to complete 1,000 Guineas treble for Head

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Bitooh can complete a European 1,000 Guineas treble for Ravinella's trainer, Criquette Head, by capturing the Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh today.

Vincent O'Brien, who landed a one-two in last Saturday's Irish 2,000, fancies his chances of completing a classic double with Dancing Goddess but Bitooh has the more solid credentials.

Dancing Goddess, for whom there has been some Oaks ante-post support at 20-1 in the past 48 hours, made her first appearance over 10 furlongs at Phoenix Park last month and was not extended to beat Call Me Miss.

Whether she has the pace to win a classic, though, is open to question. Also, she lacks the experience of her rivals, the majority of whom have shown form both this season and last.

Bitooh, on whom Pat Eddery substitutes for Gary Moore, fits this category as she won the Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte, beating Squill, a good winner in France this week.

On her re-appearance she finished fourth after too much use had been made of her and she is reported to have done well in the interim.

There are two other useful *French raiders, North Haneena* and Savannah's Honor. The latter has a juvenile victory over Bitooh to her credit, but my selection was making her debut then.

In what promises to be a splendid international contest, English interests will be represented by the Michael Stoute-trained Aim For The Top and the Bill Watts-trained Jungle Gold.

Aim For The Top won the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom last month while Jungle Gold finished fifth to Ravinella in the General Accident 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

Bill Watts: sending Jungle Gold for Irish 1,000 Guineas

Michael Kinane has chosen the unbeaten Trusted Partner in preference to last season's top Irish filly Flutter Away and she represents one of the better each-way propositions.

Kris Kringle, currently 33-1 for the Epsom Derby, should have his Epsom odds reduced by completing a treble in the Windfields Farm Gallinule Stakes.

Dermot Weld expects that his blinkered Wide Support will provide a genuine Derby trial for Kris Kringle at a difference of 7lb.

CURRAGH FIELD BBC1 C4

Going: good

3.50 GOFFS IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £98,450: 1m) (16 runners)

1	2310-1	AIM FOR THE TOP 32 (D,F,S) (Chev' Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn
2	33-113	BELL TOWER 28 (F,S) (T'bred Breeders) M Grassick 9-0	D Gillespie
3	2121-4	BITOOH 27 (S) (M Al Maktoum) Mme C Head (Fr) 9-0	Pat Eddery
4	21-2	CATINA 14 (C,S) (R More O'Ferrall) J Oxx 9-0	R Quinton
5	1-1	CHARMANTE 14 (D,S,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) D O'Brien 9-0	C Roche
6	310-00	DANCING AGAIN 28 (S) (Mrs K Sharkey) C Collins 9-0	P Shanahan
7	1	DANCING GODDESS 21 (G) (R Sangster) M V O'Brien 9-0	J Reid
8	1041-4	FLUTTER AWAY 49 (B,C,BF,S) (O Murphy) D Weld 9-0	G Starkey
9	1003-0	FROM THE WOOD 14 (G) (Mrs M Clarke) K Prendergast 9-0	D Parnell
10	120-00	JUNGLE GOLD 23 (G) (J Albritton) J Watts 9-0	B Rouse
11	0231-0	LADY EILEEN 28 (S) (Mrs P Conlan) K Prendergast 9-0	G Curran
12	41240-	LAKE COTTAGE 223 (F) (R Sangster) M V O'Brien 9-0	G McGrath
13	1	NORTH HANEENA 13 (G) (M Fustok) G Mikhalides (Fr) 9-0	A Gibert
14	2110-0	SAVANNAH'S HONOR 27 (S) (A Paulson) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0	F Head
15	103-13	TRIPLE KISS 14 (D,G,S) (H Salem) J Bolger 9-0	K J Manning
16	11-	TRUSTED PARTNER 231 (D,S) (Moyglare Stud) D Weld 9-0	M J Kinane

BETTING: 3-1 Dancing Goddess, 4-1 Bitooh, 11-2 Aim For The Top, 6-1 North *Haneena, 8-1 Charmante, 10-1 Jungle Gold, Catina, 12-1 Savannah's Honor.*

1987: FOREST FLOWER 9-0 T Ives (4-1) I Balding 11 ran

FORM AIM FOR THE TOP (8-13) 1½l winner from Derry Kestrel (8-9) at Epsom (1m 110yd Listed, £9,193, good to soft, April 19, 6 ran).
BITOOH (9-2) 3l 4th to Sacre Look (9-2) at Longchamp (1m Group III, £19,275, good, April 24, 9 ran).
CATINA (8-7) 2l 2nd to Certain Secret (8-7) *at Curragh (7f Listed, £8,525, good to soft,* April 23, 15 ran) with BELL TOWER (8-10) 3½l 3rd, DANCING AGAIN (8-7) 4l 5th and LADY EILEEN (9-0) 11th.
CHARMANTE (8-9) ¾l winner from Impressive Lady (8-9) at Leopardstown (1m Listed, £11,530, good, May 7, 8 ran) with TRIPLE KISS (8-12) 1l 3rd and FROM THE WOOD (9-2) 3l 5th.
DANCING GODDESS (8-10) 1l winner from Call Me Miss (8-10) at Phoenix Park (1m 2f mdn, £2,070, good, April 30, 13 ran).
JUNGLE GOLD (9-0) 9 1/2l 5th to Ravinella (9-0) at Newmarket (1m Group I, £88,308, good, Apr 28, 12 ran).
TRUSTED PARTNER (8-10) 4l winner from Impressive Lady (8-10) at Phoenix Park (7f Group III, £17,700, heavy, Oct 3, 9 ran).
Selection: TRUSTED PARTNER

Winning Colors to land second leg

By a Special Correspondent

Winning Colors, who became only the third filly in history to take the Kentucky Derby a fortnight ago, seeks to add the £222,419 Preakness Stakes to her collection at Pimlico, Baltimore tonight. The second leg of the Triple Crown is run over 9½ furlongs on dirt and is off at 10.31pm (BST).

Wayne Lukas's filly is faced by eight opponents, the majority of whom were behind her at Churchill Downs. She will justifiably start favourite and should be suited by this slightly shorter trip, having been well clear of her field early in the straight in the Derby.

PIMLICO RUNNERS

10.31 (BST) PREAKNESS STAKES (Grade I: 3-Y-O: £222,419: 1m 1f 110yd: dirt) (9 runners)

1	1110	PRIVATE TERMS C Hadry 9-0	C Antley 7
1a	1140	FINDER'S CHOICE C Hadry 9-0	K Desormeaux 8
2	2100	CEFIS W Stephens 9-0	E Maple 1
3	-230	REGAL CLASSIC J Day 9-0	J Velasquez 2
4	1113	RISEN STAR L Roussel III 9-0	E Delahoussaye 3
5	2122	FORTY NINER W Stephens 9-0	P Day 4
6	2111	WINNING COLORS D W Lukas 9-0	G Stevens 5
7	1390	BRIAN'S TIME J Veitch 9-0	A Cordero Jr 6
8	2034	SORRY ABOUT THAT H Hine 9-0	R Romero 9

6-4 Winning Colors, 5-2 Forty Niner, 9-2 Private Terms, Finder's Choice (coupled), 5-1 Risen Star, 14-1 Brian's Time.

HAMILTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.30 Murjaan. 7.0 Affaire De Coeur. 7.30 Britwidd. 8.0 Bold Habit. 8.30 Nightstalker. 9.0 Commander Meaden.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.30 Murjaan. 7.0 Affaire De Coeur. 7.30 Hard As Iron. 8.0 Inspired Love. 8.30 Nightstalker. 9.0 Easy Line.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

6.30 GEORGE JAMES PLANT LTD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,070: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

6	4	GALLOWAY BREEZE 22 Denys Smith 8-10	P Burke (7) 6
7	0-24	HAGGS TAVERN 7 (BF) W Pearce 8-10	K Hodgson 5
11	43	MURJAAN 26 B Hanbury 8-8	P Bloomfield 2
12	00-	SHINING ART 220 D McCain 8-8	— 1
14	04-2	LOVING 7 G Blum 8-6	— 4
15	0	WINTER NIGHTFALL 26 S Norton 8-6	— 3

5-4 Murjaan, 15-8 Haggs Tavern, 6-1 Galloway Breeze, 8-1 Loving, 16-1 Winter Nightfall.

7.0 DALLFIELD CONSTRUCTION SELLING HANDICAP (£1,338: 1m 40yd) (18)

1	30-0	AFFAIRE DE COEUR 51 P Haslam 4-9-10	G Duffield 3
2	2334	COSMIC FLIGHT 12 (F,S) M Usher 5-9-9	A McGlone 8
6	0/30	JOHNSTAN BOY 7 C Tinkler 5-9-1	— 7
7	0-04	U-BIX COPY 23 (G) J S Wilson 4-9-1	T Sprake (7) 16
9	30-3	LUCY'S MELODY 24 W Pearce 4-8-13	K Hodgson 4
11	000-	DEINOPUS 204 (C,S) D Moffatt 4-8-10	P Bloomfield 5
12	0F01	HOPTONS CHANCE 5 (B,G) J Norton 6-8-9 (5ex)	J Lowe 15
14	00-0	OWL'S WAY 45 M Johnson 5-8-8	N Rodgers (7) 1
15	0/00	AVRAEAS 8 (D,F,S) D Moffatt 9-8-8	P Burke (7) 9
16	0000	STANFORD BOY 5 M Brittain 3-8-6	M Wigham 10
18	0000	DANCING TOM 5 (B,S) T Fairhurst 5-8-5	M Beecroft 11
20	30-0	MAFTIR 19 (V,F,S) M James 6-8-2	M Fozzard 12
22	000-	TOP O'TH'LANE 135J (F,G) N Bycroft 11-8-2	L Charnock 17
23	-900	MY SWAN SONG 19 J Smith 3-8-0	— 2
24	-000	COATBRIDGE BUILDER 25 (B) W Pearce 3-8-0	P McGurk (7) 6
27	-000	IL PADRINO UNO 8 (F) J Haldane 3-7-8	P Hill 14
29	000-	TARLETON 274 (S) P Rohan 11-7-7	Julie Bowker (7) 13
30	00-0	MAGIC MOVER 30 D Chapman 4-7-7	— 18

4-1 Hoptons Chance, 9-2 Cosmic Flight, 5-1 Lucy's Melody, 13-2 U-Bix Copy, 8-1 Top O' Th' Lane, 10-1 Affaire de Coeur.

7.30 CMPE HANDICAP (£3,031: 1m 1f) (16)

1	0-00	HARD AS IRON 21 (CD,F,G) P Haslam 5-10-0	G Duffield 5
4	1-00	KINGS VICTORY 16 (C,S) M Usher 4-8-4	A McGlone 3
6	20-4	BARNABY BENZ 8 M H Easterby 4-8-12	M Birch 16
7	3000	MINIZEN LAD 38 (C,G,S) M Brittain 4-8-8	M Wigham 14
8	21	FOND KISS 22 (S) S Norton 3-8-7	J Lowe 7
10	0-42	SCOTTISH FLING 7 J S Wilson 4-8-5	T Sprake (7) 10
11	10-0	LOVER'S SECRET 32 (F,G) P Haslam 3-8-3	S McKenna (7) 6
12	-400	HEAVENLY HOOFER 8 (F,G) Denys Smith 5-8-3	L Charnock 9
13	00-0	HARKEN PREMIER 22 (S) W Pearce 3-8-1	K Hodgson 2
15	00-2	BLAZE OF GOLD 8 E Alston 4-8-0	J Carroll 15
18	0-00	PUNO 33 T Fairhurst 3-7-9	P Burke (7) 1
20	0102	THE WHITE LION 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Glover 4-7-8	— 4
22	0-02	BRITWYDD 8 M James 5-7-7	M Fozzard 11
23	0/04	STAR MAESTRO 15 (S) J Pearce 6-7-7	A Mackay 12
26	00-0	GUNABEE ROYD 18 N Bycroft 4-7-7	H Ballantine 13
27	-000	GIPSY RAMBLER 22 (C,S) N Chamberlain 3-7-7	— 8

11-4 Fond Kiss, 7-2 Hard As Iron, 5-1 Barnaby Benz, 13-2 Scottish Fling, 8-1 Blaze Of Gold, 12-1 Lover's Secret.

8.0 PETER YARWOOD LTD HAMA HIRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,440: 6f) (10)

3	03-2	BOLD HABIT 16 (B) W Pearce 9-0	K Hodgson 2
4	040	EMSALCIA 14 M Brittain 9-0	M Wigham 6
11	30-0	PELHAM PLACE 35 M W Easterby 9-0	D Nicholls 5
12	03-0	SHACKAMAR 8 Miss M Bell 9-0	K Fallon (5) 7
13	00	SPECIAL PRICE 33 N Chamberlain 9-0	J Lowe 4
17	0002	WAVERLEY STAR 11 (B) J Wainwright 9-0	K Darley 8
20	0-8	C TEE LADY 51 A Jones 8-11	— 10
21	00	INSPIRED LOVE 22 B Hanbury 8-11	P Bloomfield 3
23	00	OPALKINO 33 A Jones 8-11	— 9
25	4	SHORT'N SWEET 15 J Berry 8-11	J Carroll 1

11-4 Bold Habit, 100-30 Pelham Place, 4-1 Inspired Love, 13-2 Emsalcia, 10-1 Waverley Star, 12-1 Shackamar.

8.30 EBF DRUMLOCH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £1,536: 5f) (5)

6	0	NEVER IN 14 C Tinkler 9-0	M Birch 3
7	2	NIGHTSTALKER 21 P Haslam 9-0	G Duffield 5
9		PREMIER PRINCE W Pearce 9-0	K Hodgson 1
11	4	SUPREME BLUES 9 M Brittain 9-0	M Wigham 2
14	0-00	WHISTLING RAGMAN J Parkes 9-0	P Burke (7) 4

Evens Nightstalker, 2-1 Supreme Blues, 4-1 Never In, 12-1 Premier Prince, 20-1 Whistling Ragman.

9.0 HAYDOCK–HAMILTON HANDICAP (£1,668: 5f) (10)

1	0100	PROSPECT PLACE 11 (C,S) M W Easterby 4-9-13	D Nicholls 8
2	-020	EASY LINE 15 (C,BF,G,S) P Haslam 5-9-12	G Duffield 4
3	0200	HINARI VIDEO 4 (D,G) M Johnson 3-9-7	R P Elliott 6
4	3000	DONOVAN ROSE 18 (CD,F,G) J Berry 3-8-11	Dana Mellor (5) 2
6	0421	COMMANDER MEADEN 5 (F,G) R Stubbs 5-7-12	P Burke (7) 3
7	0-00	EVER SO SHARP 35 (D,F,G) J P Smith 5-7-9	— 5
8	00-0	MR BERKELEY 31 (V,D,F) C Tinkler 4-7-9	A Mackay 7
9	-000	WESBREE BAY 5 (B,G) N Bycroft 6-7-7	L Charnock 10
10	09-0	MAYBE JAYNE 5 (B) A Jones 5-7-7	J Lowe 9
11	00-0	TRADESMAN 5 (CD,F,S) J Haldane 8-7-7	P Hill 1

9-4 Easy Line, 7-2 Commander Meaden, 5-1 Prospect Place, 8-1 Hinari Video, 10-1 Donovan Rose.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: P Haslam, 11 winners from 55 runners, 20.0%; J Berry, 16 from 89, 18.0%; C Tinkler, 8 from 45, 17.8%; M W Easterby, 6 from 35, 17.1%; M H Easterby, 6 from 37, 16.2%; B Hanbury, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Bloomfield, 4 winners from 13 rides, 30.8%; K Hodgson, 5 from 29, 17.2%; G Duffield, 24 from 161, 14.9%; J Carroll, 7 from 53, 13.2%; K Darley, 21 from 165, 12.7%; J Lowe, 20 from 166, 12.0%.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Deadly Going. 6.30 Sassanoco. 7.0 Colonel Popski. 7.30 Gratification. 8.0 Lover Cover. 8.30 Walkers Lodge. 9.0 Gaye Memory.

Brian Beel's selection: 8.30 Tormore.

Going: firm

6.0 CONSOLATION HURDLE (£1,429: 2m) (14 runners)

4	/1-0	PORTSIDE 15 (D,G) T Bill 8-11-4	R Crank
6	P003	PATCHOULI'S PET 21 (CD,F) W Morris 5-10-13	W Morris
7	/0-0	ADMIRAL'S RULER 19 (D,F,S) F Walwyn 8-10-11	K Mooney
9	0030	BABY SIGH 10 (D,G) G Stickland 6-10-11	Mr S Stickland
10	040F	CASH CRISIS 12 O Brennan 8-10-11	M Brennan
11	0224	DEADLY GOING 12F (D,F,S) K Bridgwater 10-10-11	R Dunwoody
12	R0U2	EL CAPISTRANO 16 B Llewellyn 7-10-11	Miss B Llewellyn (7)
13	0000	FAST REALM 12 D Wellcome 5-10-11	M Bastard
15	3-40	JANUS 36F (d,F,S) Mrs N Smith 10-10-11	R Rowe
17	0000	NEON 7 J Harris 7-10-11	K Sims
19	PP-0	ROSEMAN 5 (D,F) A Moore 7-10-11	R Strange
20	100F	STONEY CREEK 25 (B,G,S) K Bailey 8-10-11	P Croucher
21	/00P	TIME-BEE 54 (B,D,F,S) J P Smith 7-10-11	Miss S Baxter (7)
22	0FP4	SOLO PLAYER 7 L Codd 5-10-6	M Richards

15-8 Janus, 3-1 Admiral's Ruler, 7-2 Deadly Going, 8-1 El Capistrano, 10-1 Cash Crisis, Stoney Creek, 12-1 others.

6.30 WALTER GREENWOOD TROPHY (£2,048: 2m 4f) (4)

4	0080	SASSANOCO 12 (F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-10	P Croucher
5	4030	CORN MERCHANT 4 R Frost 7-11-6	J Frost
12	PP00	SAYOU 16 R Robinson 8-10-0	W Morris
16	PP04	BOREEN GEAL 5 J Webber 7-10-0	G Mernagh

Evens Sassanoco, 6-4 Corn Merchant, 10-1 Boreen Geal, 12-1 Sayou.

7.0 INJURED JOCKEYS FUND HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,850: 2m) (2)

12	2041	*BLACK RIVER 5 (D,F,S) P Davis 7-12-3 (6ex)*	Tanya Davis (4)
20	0394	COLONEL POPSKI 8 (D,F,S) Miss A King 6-11-10	M Bosley

1-2 Colonel Popski, 6-4 Black River.

7.30 VETERANS CHASE (£4,214: 3m) (6)

1	0343	FORESTDALE 9 (D,F,G) C Wates 10-11-2	H Davies
4	2P4P	CNOC NA CUILLE 19 (D,F,G) D Nicholson 11-10-12	Princess Royal
9	0013	GRATIFICATION 10 (B,D,F,G,S) F Winter 11-10-12	P Scudamore
12	P2PU	KYOTO 10 (F,G) J Jenkins 10-10-12	S Smith Eccles
20	0002	STONEHENGE 4 (F) D A Wilson 11-10-12	C Llewellyn
22	0P34	TAKEAFENCE 7 (B,D,F,G,S) M Henriques 10-10-12	G McCourt

11-8 Gratification, 7-2 Forestdale, 4-1 Kyoto, 6-1 Stonehenge, 10-1 Cnoc Na Cuille, 16-1 Takeafence.

8.0 CHARLECOTE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£858: 2m 5f) (10)

7	0932	MUM'S GIRL 9 B Smart 8-11-10	R Dunwoody
8	0402	KESSIE-BEE 10 A Chamberlain 7-11-9	Mr C Farrell (7)
12	3434	GOLDEN BAVARD 15 (BF) C Trietline 7-11-7	M Bowlby
14	0404	BRACKET 9 P Hayward 5-11-6	B Wright
19	000F	RIVER GALAXY 21 (B) D J Bell 5-11-2	B Powell
20	0000	ARTESIUM 19 M Wilkinson 6-11-0	C Llewellyn
21	PP-2	LOVER COVER 16 A J Wilson 6-11-0	S Cowley
24	0P03	GRUNDY'S OWN 7 B Preece 5-10-9	P Scudamore
27	0PP0	PANIC 11 Mrs H Mobley 5-10-6	W Humphreys (4)
30	000F	DOLBEN BOY 19 P Pritchard 7-10-6	C Mowen

5-2 Mum's Girl, 7-2 Golden Bavard, 4-1 Lover Cover, 6-1 Kessie-Bee, 8-1 Bracket, 10-1 others.

8.30 WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,153: 3m 4f 180yd) (11)

1		ADMIRAL BENBOW Mrs A Brown 8-12-0	G Edwards (7)
3	00/F	EARLY NITE 17 Mrs F Lockwood 10-12-0	G Lockwood (7)
4	P000	FISHING SONG 3 O Carter 12-12-0	R Greene (7)
5	00PP	K JOHN 14 Mrs W Brown 8-12-0	S Edwards (7)
6	00/F	LOCH RAVEN 9 Mrs J Eckley 12-12-0	T Jones (7)
7	P	MACNAB'S QUEST 17 Mrs J Young 10-12-0	G Upton (7)
8	03-4	NEMO KYBO 11 J M Turner 8-12-0	NON-RUNNER
9	000/	OAK LODGE 7447 S Jarrett 9-12-0	R Alner
11	P	ST AUSTELL BAY 17 P Bennett 9-12-0	P Bennett (7)
12	34/0	TORMORE 17 J O'Neill 9-12-0	Mrs T Elwell (7)
13	0/0-	WALKERS LODGE 397 Mrs D Cooke 8-12-0	G Johnson Houghton (7)

2-1 Tormore, 3-1 Walkers Lodge, 6-1 Fishing Song, 8-1 Oaks Lodge, 10-1 others.

9.0 GRUNWICK BUMPER NH FLAT RACE (£924: 2m) (13)

1	1	NODFORMS DILEMMA 11 (D,F) D Eddy 5-12-0	D Byrne (7)
2	10	GAYE MEMORY 43 (D,F) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-9	Miss K Rimell (7)
3		BEETEE YOU T Bill 5-11-7	C Kellett (7)
5	00	CHINLESS WONDER 11 (V) J Scallan 5-11-7	Mr S Scallan (7)
16	0	THE TAN MAN 30 A James 5-11-7	Mr T Thomson Jones
19		YOU'LL DO T Forster 5-11-7	C Llewellyn
23	0	GAY MOVER 229 J Dooler 6-11-2	D Leahy (7)
32	0-P	LEYSTERS QUEEN 42 G H Jones 5-11-2	Mr P Staples
33		MELSAR R Frost 4-11-2	P Hosgood (7)
34	4	NEW MARKET 47 B Stevens 4-11-2	M Stevens (7)
38	0	RYNODE 23 J Dalton 5-11-2	Mr A Dalton (7)
39	0	THE TARTAN SPARTAN 23 M Wilkinson 4-11-2	—
40		JULIONISS! P Hobbs 4-10-11	Mrs S Hobbs

7-4 Nodforms Dilemma, 5-2 Gaye Memory, 4-1 You'll Do, 6-1 New Market, 10-1 The Tartan Spartan, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: F Winter, 3 winners from 17 runners, 17.6%; F Walwyn, 8 from 52, 15.4%; J Jenkins, 4 from 27, 14.8%; J Webber, 10 from 72, 13.9%; K Bailey, 3 from 25, 12.0%; D Nicholson, 11 from 100, 11.0%.

JOCKEYS: R Rowe, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; M Bowlby, 3 from 19, 15.8%; P Croucher, 3 from 20, 15.0%; S Smith Eccles, 7 from 50, 14.0%; P Scudamore, 10 from 86, 11.6%; K Mooney, 6 from 54, 11.1%.

Moore admits to lying in statement

From a Special Correspondent, Hong Kong

French champion jockey Gary Moore yesterday admitted telling lies when first arrested by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Australian-born Moore, who flew back to Paris last night, was extensively cross-examined by Martin Lee, QC, counsel for the first defendant, Mr Bill Chan Wai-Lim, in the trial of three former jockeys and two businessmen who are charged wih conspiracy to cheat at gambling.

Moore made a total of seven statements to the ICAC after being arrested at 4.30am on February 20, 1986, with 21 other prominent Australian, English, and Chinese racing personalities.

Lee said there were a lot of inaccuracies in Moore's first statement to the ICAC, concerning Mr Chan, who was said to have had a gambling relationship with Moore.

Under questioning, Moore finally admitted that sections of the third statement made to the ICAC on February 25, 1986, were not true even though he had signed it. "I was very frightened at the time and was acting *solely* on my *reflexes. I* said things on the spur of the moment," Moore said.

"I did not want to give Mr Chan up but I had to think about protecting myself when I thought the ICAC had evidence against me," Moore said. He only agreed to divulge their connection after Hong Kong police officers discovered a secret language known only to him and Chan.

"I knew then," he said, "that the only way that the officers could have known about these phrases was by speaking to Bill. I then decided to tell them about my punting relationship with him."

He also acknowledged that he only returned to give evidence in the race-fixing trial to prevent prosecution as well as disciplinary action from the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club.

"I have returned to help the Jockey Club and ICAC for the prosperity of Hong Kong racing," he said. Mr Lee cross-examined Moore for almost two hours before stating: "I put it to you, that you don't care whether the evidence you are giving is true or false." Moore replied: "No. I'm telling the truth."

Gentle Approach has three Melton choices

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Most point-to-point roads today will lead to the Melton Hunt Club meeting where Gentle Approach is entered in three races. Although without a win this season, he has been contesting top class hunter chases and should win his chosen event.

Two horses which, justifiably, are likely to start at very short odds are Sweet Diana in the Ladies and Karakter Reference in the Novices.

Smullyan, who has a live chance in *The Times* Championship final next Friday, is another with a triple entry. If he comes out of his race in good shape, he will be a definite starter at Towcester.

Amanda Harwood, attempting to consolidate her lead in the women's championship, has just one runner, Betty's Pearl, at the Isle of Wight.

Lislary Lad and Norton's Coin both look to have favourite's chances for brother and sister, Tim and Pip Jones, in the two open races at the Tivyside.

THE TIMES Point-to-point Championship

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Dulverton West, Bratton Down, 9m NE of Barnstaple (first race 2.0); Isle of Wight, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (2.15); Melton Hunt Club, Garthorpe, 5m NE of Melton Mowbray (2.0); Tivyside, Lydstep, 3m SW of Tenby (2.0).

MELTON SELECTIONS: Members: Gentle Approach (if abs Mister Skip, Krystle Saint). Restricted: Gentle Approach (Smullyan, Port Hall). Ladies: Sweet Diana (White Paper, Highgate Lady). Novices: Karakter Reference (Smullyan, Rockliffe). Open: Gentle Approach (Stanwick Lad, Desert Fox). Farmers: Mister Skip (Scotch On The Rock; White Paper).

Yesterday's results

Newmarket

Going: good (str); good to firm (rnd)

2.30 (5f) 1, WAKAYI (Pat Eddery, 8-13 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Silks Princess (G Bardwell, 4-1); 3, Because Because (B Rouse, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 City Bird (5th), *8 Do-I-Know-You* (4th). 5 ran. ¾l, 2l, 1½l, 20l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.63. 1min 0.86sec.

3.0 (1m) 1, MASSA (N Day, 7-1); 2, Chic Carolyn (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 3, Ned's Aura (Paul Eddery, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Big Aitch, 7 Tobesure Tobesure, 10 El Padrino (5th), 12 Gorky Park, 14 Sassoferrato, 16 Mayfair Moss (6th), Pretty Thing (4th), *Princess Siham, 25 Canon's Court*, Fernando Reyes, Proud Patriot, Tasliance, Daddy's Darling, Femme En Rouge, La Garonne. 18 ran. 2l, 2l, ½l, 2l, ¾l. I Matthews at Newmarket. Tote: £10.90; £5.30, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £80.40. CSF: £42.62. 1min 40.95sec. Bought in 3,400gns.

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3.30 (7f) 1, MASTER POKEY (S Cauthen, 5-4 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Pinctada (G Bardwell, 10-1); 3, Start-Rite (T Ives, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Stormy Praise (4th), 7 Dorking Lad (6th), 14 Reindeer Walk, 25 Milan Fair, Centauri (5th). 8 ran. hd, nk, 3l, 3l, 4l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £7.30. CSF: £13.05. Tricast: £36.06. 1min 25.42sec.

4.0 (7f) 1, RAWNAK (R Cochrane, 6-1); 2, Border Guard (M Hills, Evens fav); 3, Ican Scan (Pat Eddery, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 12 Rampant Roo, 14 Classy Turn (6th), 20 Raise Yourself (4th), Eclipse Bid (5th). 7 ran. 1l, 4l, ¾l, 1l, sh hd. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £5.50; £2.40, £1.50. DF: £3.50. CSF: £12.17. 1min 24.74sec.

4.30 (6f) 1, STONE FLAKE (J Reid, 14-1); 2, Weldness (*Pat Eddery, 10-11 fav*); 3, Ambascade (G Starkey, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Looting (5th), 14 Always Valiant, Royal Digger, Sawaik (4th), 25 The East Anglian, Velton (6th), 33 Little Guest, R And B Update, Zepagas. 12 ran. NR: Indian Maestro, Regent Light, Try Me Now. 1½l, 2½l, 1l, 1½l, nk. P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £13.40; £2.40, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £10.80. CSF: £27.11. 1min 13.30sec.

5.5 (1m 6f) 1, ILE DE RIO (W Newnes, 9-1); 2, In Dreams (J Reid, 7-2 fav); 3, Sudden Victory (M Hills, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Newsells Park, 7 Appealiana (5th), Green Steps, 10 Trapeze Artist (4th), 14 Checkpoint, Mount Olympus (6th), 25 Mountain Isle. 10 ran. 2l, ½l, 10l, 8l, 12l. H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £8.80; £2.20, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £9.50. CSF: £36.34. Tricast: £183.84. 2min 57.51secs.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £5,237.00 carried over today at Newmarket.

Placepot: £8.10

Thirsk

Going: firm

1.45 (1m 4f) 1, PLAN OF ATTACK (S Perks, 5-6 fav); 2, Saturn Moon (T Sprake, 100-30); 3, War Madness (J Carr, 20-1). *ALSO RAN: 15-2 Promise Kept (4th)*, 12 Julio's Lad (6th), 20 Just A Decoy, Sure Will, 33 Beatty's Lad, Highsted, Kirkby Lord, Delmo Fleet (5th). 11 ran. NR: Arden Grove. nk, 4l, 4l, nk, 1½l. F H Lee at Wilmslow. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.23. Bought in for 3,000gns.

2.15 (5f) 1, CHEROKEE BRAVE (Dean McKeown, 9-4); 2, Sandmoor Cotton (J Carroll, 11-8 fav); 3, Saturn Man (M Roberts, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Patorino (4th), 12 Royal Haunt (5th), 16 Coral Sword, Tace Fare, 20 Debbore, 33 Diamond Boy (6th), Dru Ri's Bru Ri, Indian Spirit. 11 ran. 2l, ¾l, ¾l, 4l, 3l. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.09.

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, WESTON MOXY (D Nicholls, 16-1); 2, Baby Come Home (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 3, Dress Up (M Birch, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Love To Dance (4th), 14 Lucky Action, 16 Niscara (6th), *Staincliffe Lad*, 25 Piplots, Whisky Trail, 33 Nicknavar (5th), Tulum. 11 ran. ½l, 5l, 2l, hd, 15l. T D Barron at Maunby. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £8.40. CSF: £31.17. After stewards' inquiry, result stood. Bought in for 1,850gns.

3.15 (5f) 1, LOCH FORM (M Birch, 13-2); 2, Beckingham Ben (J Quinn, 7-1); 3, Lacedeo (S Perks, 14-1); 4, Afron-Cigyll (S Wood, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav *Gentileschi, 15-2 Dancing Belle, 10 Brutus* (6th), Batchworth Heath, 12 Music Review, Belesfire, Sanditton Palace (5th), Stelby, 14 Captain's Bidd, Our Freddie, Pendor Dancer, Technocrat, 16 Iberian Start, 20-1 Communidata Lad. 18 ran. 1½l, ½l, ½l, 2l, hd. C Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £6.60; £1.80, £1.90, £3.00, £9.60. DF: £43.20. CSF: £56.90. Tricast: £606.83.

3.45 (6f) 1, TIME TO GO HOME (A Culhane, Evens jt-fav); 2, Prepolio (C Dwyer, 33-1); 3, Almost Blue (J Carroll, Evens jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 33 Baramol (4th), 50 No Boundaries (5th). 5 ran. NR: Charm. 1l, ¾l, 6l, 15l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £4.10. DF: £9.30. CSF: £17.58.

4.15 (1m) 1, NIRAN (M Roberts, 3-1); 2, Acestes (W R Swinburn, 6-1); 3, Nabur (R Hills, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav My Greatest Star (4th), 16 Manoushka (5th), 25 My Grey Phantom (6th), My Ratbag, Victory Gate, 100-1 Sundaysportexpress, Winella. 10 ran. NR: Jo Verdi. 1l, hd, 2l, 2½l, 2l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £4.30; £1.60, £7.60, £1.50. DF: £8.60. CSF: £20.68.

4.45 (1m 4f) 1, BEAN BOY (M Birch, 7-2); 2, Lamesa (P Burke, 8-1); 3, Masked Ball (M Fry, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Morasco (6th), 15-2 Malmunster (5th), 15 Lliardia (pu), 25 Galloway Raider (4th). 7 ran. 1½l, ½l, ½l, ½l, 10l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £3.10; £2.30, £1.60. DF: £8.80. CSF: £17.30. Tricast: £50.93. Desert of Wind (3-1 fav) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 25p in pound.

5.15 (1m) 1, STAR GENERATION (L Dettori, 10-11 fav); 2, Mountain Shadow (W Ryan, 14-1); 3, Itiithar (M Roberts, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Ampleforth (6th), Bahrain Bridge, 20 Hydeonius (4th), Miss Belgravia (5th), Saltina, 100 Serlby Fair. 9 ran. NR: Oriental Treasure. 1½l, nk, 6l, 3l, dd-ht. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.10 £2.90, £1.10. DF: £21.40. CSF: £14.83.

Placepot: £26.40

● Mark Birch completed a 32¾-1 double at Thirsk yesterday on Loch Form (13-2) for Colin Tinkler and Bean Boy (7-2) for Peter Easterby.

Thursday's late returns

Wetherby

Going: firm

7.0 (2m hdle) 1, Domarc (A J Quinn, 5-2); 2, Macusla (3-1); 3, Polygonum (7-2). Happy Breed 9-4 fav. 4 ran. 8l, 3l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £2.90. DF: £5.60. CSF: £8.78.

7.30 (3m 100yd ch) 1, Handy Trick (C Grant, 11-10 fav); 2, Tar Knight (6-1); 3, Whats What (6-4). 5 ran. Nk, ¾l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £2.70. DF: £5.10. CSF: £7.52.

8.0 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Grange Hill Girl (R Crank, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Kevino (7-1); 3, Royal Cracker (9-4 jt-fav). 5 ran. NR: Madison Girl. 10l, 8l. P Blockley. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £5.40. CSF: £14.94.

8.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Quintana (M Dwyer, 4-1); 2, Southern Minstral (4-6 fav); 3, Stepaull (14-1). 14 ran. ½l, 5l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £5.10; £2.20, £1.10, £5.50. DF: £4.40. CSF: £7.33. Tricast: £35.54.

Placepot: £59.90.

Huntingdon

Going: firm

7.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Crows Green (K Mooney, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Save It Lass (12-1); 3, Cygnets Best (8-1). Light The Lot 4-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Tante Marie, French Habitat. 2½l, 3l. F Walwyn. Tote: £4.20; £1.50, £2.90, £1.70. DF: £33.80. CSF: £45.10. Tricast: £325.12.

7.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Castleoattron (Miss J Hodge, 4-1); 2, Rootra (5-1); 3, Dorwalley Lad (4-1). Tenesong Evens fav. 4 ran. 2l, 2½l. H Hodge. Tote: £5.40. DF: £7.90. CSF: £17.78.

8.15 (3m ch) 1, Golden Casino (Mr S Andrew, 4-11 fav); 2, Just A Ghost (9-1); 3, Mesmerist (12-1). 8 ran. ½l, 20l. M Barthorpe. Tote: £1.50; £1.50, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £4.20. CSF: £5.07.

8.45 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Semaphore Hill (J White, 3-1); 2, Charlotte's Gift (11-10 fav); 3, Silent Hero (2-1). 4 ran. ½l, dist. N Henderson. Tote: £3.50. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.38.

Placepot: £139.50.

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Gallic League to stress sprint title claims with Lingfield success

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

If pressed to name the next champion sprinter before the season began many, I am sure, would have plumped for Gallic League on the strength of those victories in the Flying Childers Stakes and the Middle Park Stakes last autumn.

Today those who took that view will be looking to the Barry Hills trained three-year-old to endorse their opinion by winning the *Daily Mail* Leisure Stakes over six furlongs at Lingfield.

Said by his trainer early last year to be one of the fastest he has ever had in his care, Gallic League showed that he had lost none of his zip at Newbury first time out this season when he finished a close third in the Greenham Stakes.

For a moment it looked as though his blistering early pace had got the rest in trouble in that classic trial. But eventually the seventh and final furlong found him out and both Zelphi and Intimidate went by.

All the same it was great to see that he had lost none of his explosive pace. Now that he is reverting to his proper game he should be able to put his speed to real effect again and beat the likes of Wantage Park, who could finish only third to fellow Manton inmate Handsome Sailor at York last week.

Michael Hills: partners Gallic League at Lingfield (3.30)

Following that admirable win at Newbury eight days ago, Neville Callaghan's greatly improved three-year-old **Staten Island** now looks poised to make the *Daily Mail* Casino Handicap his fifth success on the trot, especially as Gary Bardwell, who rides so well, will be claiming 5lb.

Those who lay store in the fact that a horse has travelled a long way for a race will latch on to Bill Watts's decision to send **Colway Rally** on the long journey south to the Surrey course from his base at Middleham in North Yorkshire for the *Daily Mail* Offers Handicap.

At Newmarket, **Bellefella** will be all the rage for the George Lambton Maiden Stakes after finishing third in the 2,000 Guineas. On that showing he is the best maiden in the country.

A more attractive bet should be **Simon Rattle** to win the Coral Bookmakers Handicap following that authoritative win over the same course and distance three weeks ago.

A line through Fairfield Lad gives him the beating of Reg Hollinshead's easy Pontefract winner, Draidoir, and Mac's Fighter, a rival of old who is now 8lb better off, along with Teeming Shore and Panda Prince, should prove more troublesome.

After riding Simon Rattle among others, Ray Cochrane will then fly south for the evening meeting at Kempton where, in his hands, **Raykour** should prove that he is not just a handicapper by winning the Heron Stakes.

Thaidah can win the Venus Fillies' Stakes now that she will be meeting the course and distance winner Inchmurrin on 3lb better terms compared with when they finished fourth and fifth in the Italian 1,000 Guineas. Only three-quarters of a length separated them then when the ground was all against Thaidah.

Finally, **Sneak Preview**, who came good again at Bath a fortnight ago, is napped to confirm that he is still a force to be reckoned with in long distance races by winning the H.S.Persse Memorial Handicap.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD: 2.30 Bin Shaddad. **NEWMARKET:** 2.30 Bath Street Boy, Bidston Mill, Bidders Princess; 4.30 Rankstreet. **THIRSK:** 2.45 Pound Green; 3.45 Order Paper; 4.50 Quick Sticks. **KEMPTON:** 7.30 Cambrea Fred, Truckhaven Tribune. **HAMILTON:** 7.30 Harkan Premier; 8.0 Bold Habit.

Oaks contenders go on trial

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Three Oaks possibles contest tomorrow's £47,545 Prix Saint-Alary (1m 2f), a group one race won won last year by the flying grey, Indian Skimmer.

Her owner, Sheikh Mohammed, fields another strong challenger tomorrow in Norland (Cash Asmussen). André Fabre's daughter of Gay Mecene has raced only once, winning a minor event at Evry, but is held in high regard.

Equally well thought of, and with much better form, is Criquette Head's Riviere D'Or. Gary Moore will be back from Hong Kong to ride this beautifully-bred filly (Lyphard — Gold River), who won the group three Prix Vanteaux by an effortless three lengths on her seasonal debut.

Also in the field is Francois Boutin's Oaks entry, Light The Lights (Freddie Head), who is by Shirley Heights out of a Nijinsky mare and is the winner of her only race this term.

The other group one race on the card, the £31,560 Prix du Cadran (2m 4f), is a sub-standard contest and looks a' the mercy of Royal Gait (Alfred Gibert).

● Tomorrow's Oaks d'Italia (1m 4f) at San Siro, Milan, sees a three-pronged English challenge led by John Dunlop's Asl (Pat Eddery), second to Diminuendo in the Musidora at York. She is joined by Melodist (Walter Swinburn) and Antigua Rose (Tony Ives).

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Good Partners. 6.30 Unearthed. 7.0 Raykour. 7.30 Sharp Justice. 8.0 Thaidah. 8.30 SNEAK PREVIEW (nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.0 Good Partners. 6.30 Samhaan. 7.0 Raykour. 7.30 Sharp Justice. 8.0 Inchmurrin. 8.30 Old Hubert.

Going: good to firm **Draw: low numbers best**

6.0 EBF RIVERMEAD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,903: 5f) (6 runners)

3 EL SOBERANO R Hannon 9-0 ...... L Jones 3
5 HARD TO FIGURE R Hodges 9-0 ...... J Williams 5
8 SHERLOCK HOLMES D Elsworth 9-0 ...... S Dawson 4
9 VALIANT RED D Murray-Smith 9-0 ...... R Wernham 6
10 GOOD PARTNERS M Ryan 8-8 ...... G Bardwell (5) 1
11 60 KATIE SCARLETT 5 J Bridger 8-9 ...... — 2

3-1 Valiant Red, 4-1 El Soberano, 9-2 Good Partners, 5-1 Sherlock Holmes, 11-2 Katie Scarlett, 8-1 Hard To Figure.

6.30 KINGFISHER HANDICAP (£2,708: 1m 3f 30yd) (14)

1 -003 SAMHAAN 7 (B,F,G,S) B Hanbury 5-9-10 R Cochrane 14
3 40-0 HENRYK 10 (F) R Simpson 4-9-6 ...... S Cauthen 13
6 430- KARBAJ 201 C Horgan 4-8-10 ...... P Cook 4
7 /001- PERSIAN TAPESTRY 7 (F) P Cundell 4-8-8 S Dawson 9
8 -000 BRONZE RUNNER 24 (F,G) E Wheeler 4-8-9 L Riggio (5) 5
10 -000 COMBINED EXERCISE 19 (S) R Akehurst 4-8-5 T Williams 11
11 13-0 ROWLANDSONS TROPHY 17 (S) A Ingham 3-8-4 R Fox 10
12 3-02 UNEARTHED 14 R Casey 3-8-3 ...... T Quinn 6
13 0600 BLACK COMEDY 7 (F,S) M Ryan 5-8-3 G Bardwell (5) 7
14 0-00 STRAIGHT THROUGH 33 (C,BF,F,S) J Winter 5-8-2 M Hills 8
15 3-01 GO FORUM 19 (C,G) J Sutcliffe 3-8-1 ...... M Roberts 12
16 -000 HONEY PLUM 12 (F) J O'Donoghue 4-7-7 ...... N Adams 3
17 -000 CIGAR 12 G Roe 5-7-7 ...... M L Thomas 1
18 000- CLAIRET 35 P Mitchell 4-7-7 ...... Dale Gibson (5) 2

9-2 Samhaan, 5-1 Go Forum, 11-2 Unearthed, 8-1 Rowlandsons Trophy, 15-2 Karbaj, 8-1 others.

7.0 HERON STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £7,492: 1m) (3)

2 121- WESTERN GUN 235 (G) R Armstrong 9-0 . S Cauthen 3
4 2-01 NAIL DON 23 (D,G) R Hannon 8-11 ...... Pat Eddery 1
7 1-01 RAYKOUR 28 (D,G,S) L Cumani 8-11 ...... R Cochrane 2

2-5 Raykour, 7-2 Nail Don, 5-1 Western Gun.

7.30 MANOR STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,658: 6f) (7)

2 1 SHARP JUSTICE 19 (C,G) M Ryan 9-3 W R Swinburn 4
3 1 TIGANI 17 (C,S) G Lewis 9-3 ...... Pat Eddery 5
5 021 CHARM 24 (G) R Simpson 8-12 ...... S Cauthen 3
7 00 CAMBREA FRED 32 (B) D Elsworth 8-11 S Dawson 2
8 PALACE MILL R Hodges 8-11 ...... T Quinn 1
12 00 RUNNER DUCK 25 G Balding 8-11 ...... J Williams 7
14 TRUCKHAVEN TRIBUNE (B) D Morley 8-11 R Cochrane 6

6-5 Sharp Justice, 11-4 Tigani, 8-1 Runner Duck, 10-1 Charm, 14-1 Cambrea Fred, 20-1 others.

8.0 VENUS STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £7,752: 1m) (8)

2 1-14 INCHMURRIN 27 (CD,G,S) G Wragg 8-11. Pat Eddery 8
3 22-0 ISTICANNA 16 (G) P Cole 8-11 ...... T Quinn 6
5 14-0 DADDY'S DILEMMA 49 (G) R Hannon 8-8 ... B Rouse 5
7 11- MOOGIE 262 (G) R Sheather 8-8 ...... R Cochrane 4
8 100- NARJIS 339 (F) Thomson Jones 8-8 ...... R Hills 1
9 010- RIMSH 234 (G) M Stoute 8-8 ...... W R Swinburn 7
11 4-20 THAIDAH 27 (G,S) P Walwyn 8-8 ...... S Cauthen 2
12 110- TOP TREAT 224 (C,F,S) A Stewart 8-8 ..... M Roberts 3

11-4 Inchmurrin, 3-1 Thaidah, 7-2 Moogie, 8-1 Isticanna, 10-1 Daddy's Dilemma, Top Treat, 12-1 Narjis, Rimsh.

8.30 HS PERSSE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£2,805: 2m) (11)

1 0-20 POLEMOS 9 (G) H Thomson Jones 4-9-13 ...... R Hills 2
3 4/00 INSULAR 9 (D,F,G,S) I Balding 8-9-7 ...... T Ives 1
5 -122 BREAKOUT 14 (F,G) D Elsworth 4-9-3 ..... Pat Eddery 5
6 33-0 ALL IS REVEALED 38 (V,D,F,G) D Thom 6-9-1 B Crossley 4
10 0-01 SNEAK PREVIEW 14 (D,F,G) H Candy 8-8-0 (4ex) J Carter (5) 11
11 /00-3 FOLK DANCE 24 (V,G) G Balding 6-8-7 .... J Williams 9
12 1-00 TEMPLE REEF 16 (S) J Dunlop 4-8-6 ...... B Rouse 10
16 /001 OLD HUBERT 16 (F,G,S) A Bailey 7-7-10 (4ex) M L Thomas 7
17 -001 SAN CARLOS 9 (F,S) A Ingham 6-7-8 (4ex) ..... R Fox 3
19 000- COMBERMERE 193 (S) R Frost 4-7-7 ..... S Dawson 6
21 -120 MASTER VINCE 34 (S) K Ivory 4-7-7 ...... N Adams 8

11-4 Sneak Preview, 100-30 San Carlos, 4-1 Old Hubert, 8-1 Breakout, 10-1 All Is Revealed, Temple Reef, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 16 winners from 49 runners, 32.7%; L Cumani, 3 from 14, 21.4%; P Cole, 12 from 60, 20.0%; P Walwyn, 7 from 37, 18.9%; R Sheather, 3 from 19, 15.8%; D Elsworth, 8 from 56, 14.3%.
JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 17 winners from 68 rides, 25.0%; S Cauthen, 26 from 130, 20.0%; Pat Eddery, 25 from 135, 18.5%; R Cochrane, 11 from 62, 17.7%; N Adams, 9 from 52, 17.3%; T Quinn, 10 from 76, 13.2%.

● Cherokee Brave earned a trip to Royal Ascot when giving Richard Whitaker his first two-year-old winner of the season in the EBF Station Road Maiden Stakes at Thirsk yesterday. The Horage colt tackles either the Norfolk Stakes or the Windsor Castle Stakes at the royal meeting.

THIRSK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Bibesco. 2.45 Pound Green. 3.15 Evichstar. 3.45 St Elmo's Fire. 4.20 Princess Way. 4.50 Minizen Lass.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 BIBESCO (nap). 3.45 St Elmo's Fire. 4.20 Princess Way.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Bush Hill.

Going: firm **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best**

2.15 ELMIRE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,194: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1 2 BIBESCO 16 (BF) H Cecil 8-11 ...... N Day 5
3 0 DON'T RUSH 29 M Stoute 8-11 ...... G Duffield 2
17 00 ROMANTIC BRIDE 19 E Eldin 8-11 ... D Donnachie (7) 4
18 SALONNIERE B Hanbury 8-11 ...... S Keightley 1
21 000- TURKISH STAR 200 W M Easterby 8-11 ... D Nicholls 6
23 34-0 YA MUNA 29 W Jarvis 8-11 ...... M Birch 3

4-7 Bibesco, 9-4 Don't Rush, 10-1 Ya Muna, Salonniere, 20-1 others.

2.45 SKIPTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,262: 5f) (9)

2 BAITIN TIME M H Easterby 8-11 ...... M Birch 3
3 GAY NEVANDE J Balding 8-11 ...... — 5
6 034 POUND GREEN 3 (B,BF) J Wainwright 8-11 L Charnock 1
8 001 TELL ME THIS 11 (D,S) J Berry 8-11 ...... J Carroll 9
10 0 FLYCROFT 18 R Whitaker 8-6 ...... A Culhane (5) 6
11 0 JADE EXPRESS 3 M Brittain 8-6 ...... — 2
13 00 MANDRAKE MAGIC 19 I Campbell 8-6 .. I Glindon (7) 8
16 432 TAWNY 8 T Barron 8-6 ...... D Nicholls 7
17 0 THORPE HALL 19 J Balding 8-6 ...... N Carlisle 4

2-1 Proud Green, 9-4 Tell Me This, 4-1 Tawny, 6-1 Baitin Time, 8-1 Jade Express, 14-1 others.

3.15 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (£4,064: 7f) (11)

1 -012 EVICHSTAR 11 (C,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-11 K Fallon (5) 4
2 2-00 GOLDEN TREE 14 (C,D,F,S) R Stubbs 4-9-4 D Nicholls 9
3 2100 SILVER HAZE 14 (CD,G,S) Miss S Hall 4-8-10 A Culhane (5) 10
4 00-0 BOOT POLISH 24 (C,D,F,G,S) J Watts 8-8-10 A Mercer 6
5 /000 BEAU GUEST 28 (D,G) R Simpson 8-8-10 ... J Curant 3
7 210- SOFTLY SPOKEN 231 (C,F,G,S) P Felgate 5-8-5 G Duffield 5
8 0000 CONCIDENTAL 9 (CD,G,S) J Edwards 6-8-0 K Darley 2
9 00-0 SIGNORE ODONE 9 (C,F) M H Easterby 6-7-13 J Lowe 7
10 00-0 EINSTEIN 14 (F,G) M Camacho 4-7-12 ... N Carlisle 11
11 -020 SO CAREFUL 5 (D,BF,F) J Berry 5-7-8 Dana Mellor (5) 8
12 -001 GERSHWIN 12 (V,F,G,S) Denys Smith 5-7-8 (6ex) L Charnock 1

7-2 Gershwin, 4-1 Evichstar, 11-2 Silver Haze, 8-1 Golden Tree, 10-1 Boot Polish, Softly Spoken, So Careful, 12-1 others.

3.45 DIBB LUPTON CUP (Handicap: 3-Y-O: £4,428: 1m) (10)

2 0-40 TENDER BAY 32 (G) J Wharton 9-7 ...... P Walsh (7) 5
3 0-10 BALIMAN 9 (CD,F) Denys Smith 9-6 ...... L Charnock 7
5 3-12 ST ELMO'S FIRE 11 (D,BF,S) M Prescott 9-2 G Duffield
9 0-40 MAGNA TRAVAILLE 30 (F) S Norton 8-13 .... J Lowe 3
10 0-31 BUSH HILL 21 (D,G) I Matthews 8-13 ...... N Day 2
14 1402 THOMAS LENG 3 (D,G,S) M Brittain 8-10 ...... — 4
15 000- DASHING PARTNER 238 (F) J Watts 8-7... A Mercer 10
17 4100 ORDER PAPER 18 (V,D,S) S Muldoon 8-5. J H Brown 8
18 1-00 STATED CASE 47 (C,S) M H Easterby 8-5.... M Birch 1
19 0-30 DANCING MONARCH 28 R Hollinshead 8-2 A Culhane (5) 6

11-4 Bush Hill, 4-1 Thomas Leng, 5-1 St Elmo's Fire, 13-2 Baliman, 8-1 Magna Travaille, 10-1 others.

4.20 EBF CARLTON MINCOTT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,434: 5f) (14)

3 0 EASTERN EMBER 14 M W Easterby 8-11 D Nicholls 11
5 0 LADY SPEED STICK 14 W Bentley 8-11 ... Rae Guest 8
6 MADELEY EXPRESS Denys Smith 8-11 ...... M Fry 14
7 0 MARCROFT 11 R Whitaker 8-11 ...... N Carlisle 10
10 4 MISS EXAMINER 21 M Tompkins 8-11 ...... N Day 6
11 NESSIE M Camacho 8-11 ...... K Darley 13
12 PASSAGE EAST M W Easterby 8-11 ...... — 2
13 PRETTY PRECOCIOUS F H Lee 8-11... A Culhane (5) 4
14 33 PRINCESS WAY 15 (BF) E Eldin 8-11 ...... A Mackay 7
15 4 POKER ROYALE 38 M H Easterby 8-11 ..... M Birch 12
16 42 ROSE OF HIGH LEGH 12 (BF) J Berry 8-11 . J Carroll 5
17 4 SAINT SYSTEMS 7 M Brittain 8-11 ...... — 3
18 SNAKE SONG J Wharton 8-11 ...... — 9
19 WALTZ ON AIR C Tinkler 8-11 ...... — 1

11-4 Princess Way, 7-2 Poker Royale, 5-1 Rose Of High Legh, Saint Systems, 10-1 Miss Examiner, 14-1 others.

4.50 DICK PEACOCK SPRINT HANDICAP (£2,918: 6f) (15)

5 4-03 NATIVE RIVER 14 W Bentley 3-9-10 ...... Rae Guest 10
6 000- HARRY HULL 198 (G) M W Easterby 5-9-8 D Nicholls 3
7 -013 BREAKFAST IN BED 12 (D,G) W Haigh 5-8-7 .. N Day 1
8 0011 MINIZEN LASS 5 (CD,F,G) M Brittain 4-8-7 (10ex) A Munro (5) 6
9 0-00 SLEEPERS 21 (G) C Booth 4-8-4 ...... — 8
10 0-03 DENSBEN 14 (G,S) Denys Smith 4-8-4 ...... M Fry 4
11 0001 PROLIFIC 18 (D,G) J H Wilson 3-9-2 ...... K Darley 7
13 00-0 LIME BROOK 12 (G) B Morgan 4-8-0 ..... S Keightley 2
15 -286 TARAS DAD 12 C Spares 5-8-12 ...... A Proud 15
18 300- BELLA SEVILLE 226 (C,S) T Barron 4-8-6 ...... — 12
22 0-00 PASHMINA 32 (F,S) T Fairhurst 4-8-3 ..... N Carlisle 11
23 00-0 ROSIE DICKINS 21 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-2 A Culhane (5) 13
24 0000 QUICK STICKS 5 (B) D Chapman 4-7-8 .. S Wood (5) 14
25 0000 VILMAX 220 B McMahon 5-7-7 ...... A Mackay 8
26 0-00 TARISTEAC 14 (D,G) W Bowring 6-7-7 ...... — 5

7-2 Minizen Lass, 5-1 Breakfast In Bed, 6-1 Native River, Prolific, 8-1 Densben, 12-1 Taras Dad, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H. Cecil, 9 winners from 18 runners, 50.0%; M Stoute, 4 from 14, 28.6%; C Tinkler, 4 from 24, 16.7%; J Watts, 8 from 51, 15.7%; M H Easterby, 19 from 136, 14.0%; R Whitaker, 9 from 66, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: N Day, 4 winners from 23 rides, 17.4%; J Carroll, 3 from 22, 13.6%; M Birch, 17 from 138, 12.3%; A Culhane, 4 from 34, 11.8%. (Only qualifiers).

(Not including yesterday's results)

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Staten Island.
2.30 Colway Rally.
3.00 Always Ready.
3.30 Gallic League.
4.00 Golden Braid.
4.30 Fremont Boy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Staten Island.
2.30 Janie-O.
3.00 —
3.30 Wantage Park.
4.00 Dalgan.
4.30 Restless Rhapsody.

By Michael Seely

2.30 COLWAY RALLY (nap). 3.30 Gallic League.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 GALLIC LEAGUE.

Going: good to firm **Draw: high numbers best**

2.0 DAILY MAIL CASINO HANDICAP (£5,681: 1m 4f) (7 runners) BBC 1

1 (6) 6/2401- WORKING MODEL 212 (B) (Binfield Manor Farms) P Cole 4-10-0 ...... D Atkinson 84
2 (2) 12110-3 VORACITY 10 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Winter) J Winter 9-9-2 ...... W Ryan 91
4 (4) 002-130 QANNAAS 21 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-8-13 ...... R Hills 98
5 (5) 3/12-000 FLOOD MARK 17 (F) (J Clark) P Butler 4-8-7 ...... J Williams ● 99
8 (7) 00310-1 ITTIHAAD 10 (D,F) (M Burt) R Akehurst 5-8-2 (4ex) ...... P Cook 96
9 (3) 012300- SURE GROUND 47J (G) (Salisbury Farms Ltd) P Walwyn 5-8-1 ...... N Howe 96
11 (1) 00-1111 STATEN ISLAND 8 (D,F,G) (M Hill) N Callaghan 3-8-0 (7ex) ...... G Bardwell (5) 92

BETTING: 9-4 Staten Island, 5-2 Ittihaad, 4-1 Qannaas, 6-1 Working Model, 8-1 Voracity, 10-1 Sure Ground, 25-1 Flood Mark.

1987: VORACITY 8-8-10 J Reid (10-1) J Winter 9 ran

FORM WORKING MODEL (8-11) beat Trecauldah (8-11) 2½l at Newbury (1m 2f mdn, £3,567, heavy, Oct 22, 14 ran).
VORACITY (9-10) showed best when beating Mugath (8-4) a neck at Brighton (1m 4f h'cap, £5,354, firm, Aug 5, 6 ran).
QANNAAS (9-9) showed best when beating Mizaj (9-9) 4l at Ayr (1m mdn, £1,418, heavy, March 29, 9 ran).
ITTIHAAD (8-8) beat Empire Blue (9-12) 1½l at Brighton with VORACITY (9-10) 6l 3rd (1m 4f h'cap, £2,987, firm, May 11, 7 ran).
STATEN ISLAND (8-4) beat Nikitas (8-6) ½l at Newbury (1m 4f h'cap, £6,347, firm, May 13, 13 ran).
Selection: STATEN ISLAND

2.30 DAILY MAIL OFFERS HANDICAP (£9,427: 7f 140yd) (11 runners) BBC 1

1 (7) 002-203 BIN SHADDAD 28 (B,F,S) (A Al Jefieh) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-10 ...... J Matthias 93
2 (8) 0131-32 COLWAY RALLY 14 (BF,F) (R Coleman) J Watts 4-9-10 ...... W Ryan ● 99
3 (1) 14-44 DOMUS 9 (G) (Sir O Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-7 ...... R Hills 82
5 (2) 1020-01 WING PARK 24 (F,G) (Miss C Morris) A Bailey 4-9-5 ...... M Roberts 96
6 (3) 31002-0 STOCK HILL LASS 14 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Fairbairn) L Cottrell 6-9-4 ...... N Adams 92
8 (5) 00100-0 DUNENNY 24 (G,S) (E Reitel) R Akehurst 4-8-13 ...... R Hillis (5) 95
9 (11) 100-4 IN GLORY 36 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-5 ...... M Hills 92
13 (4) 0040-40 FUSILIER 14 (B,CD,F,G) (R Richards) H O'Neill 6-7-9 ...... T Williams 92
14 (9) 040-102 SPARKY LAD 16 (C,F,G,S) (J Clark) J Jenkins 5-7-7 ...... — 98
16 (6) 301-302 JANIE-O 15 (V,CD,G,S) (J Wishart) M Ryan 6-7-7 ...... G Bardwell (5) 92
17 (10) 00-2004 FORMATUNE 11 (B,F,G) (A Sofroniou) M Francis 6-7-7 ...... R Street 83

Long handicap: Sparky Lad 7-4, Janie-O 6-12, Formatune 6-8.
BETTING: 3-1 Colway Rally, 7-2 Wing Park, 9-2 Bin Shaddad, 6-1 Sparky Lad, 13-2 Domus, In Glory, 10-1 Janie-O, 12-1 others.

1987: ADAMSTOWN 4-7-8 E Johnson (6-1) M Pipe 11 ran

FORM BIN SHADDAD (8-10) 1l 3rd to Sharp Reminder (8-13) at Leicester with WING PARK (8-10) 12l 9th (7f Listed, £8,288, good to soft, April 23, 10 ran).
COLWAY RALLY (9-10) head 2nd to Inishpour (9-10) at Thirsk with FUSILIER (7-9) behind in 11th (1m h'cap, £8,220, good, May 7, 14 ran).
DOMUS (9-4) 8½l 4th to Sharblask (9-3) at York (1m h'cap, £8,181, good, May 12, 6 ran).
WING PARK (9-1) beat Captain Holly (9-6) ½l at Ascot with DUNENNY (8-13) 4½l 8th (7f h'cap, £14,728, good to firm, April 27, 16 ran).
STOCK HILL LASS (8-8) showed best when ½l 2nd to Sharp Reminder (9-0) at Doncaster (6f Listed, £8,025, good, Nov 7, 19 ran).
IN GLORY (9-9) 3½l 4th to Joveworth (8-13) at Thirsk (1m h'cap, £2,897, good to firm, April 15, 18 ran).
SPARKY LAD (8-6) showed best when beating FORMATUNE (7-11) ½l at Lingfield with JANIE-O (7-12) 3l 6th (7f 140yd h'cap, £2,784, good to soft, April 9, 20 ran).
Selection: BIN SHADDAD

3.0 EBF FIRST EDITION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: colts & geldings: £2,238: 5f) (9 runners)

3 (5) 002 ALWAYS READY 14 (G Stanberg) J Holt 9-0 ...... N Adams ● 99
4 (4) 0 BAR LE DUC 17 (A Espitalier-Noel) D Elsworth 9-0 ...... S Dawson 81
6 (8) BREEZED WELL (Mrs S Homeward) C Allen 9-0 ...... G Bardwell (5) —
8 (7) FREQUENT FLYER (Crescent UK Ltd) R Smyth 9-0 ...... M Roberts —
10 (9) 4 GOLDEN SABRE 15 (Mrs D Magrath) D Arbuthnot 9-0 ...... P Cook —
11 (1) 002 HAMBLEDON LAD 11 (J Cook) M Fetherston-Godley 9-0 ...... M Hills 90
13 (3) LOVELY WONGA (Palmerston Business Centre) D A Wilson 9-0 ...... J Williams —
17 (2) SAXON COURT (J Sampson) K Brassey 9-0 ...... R Curant —
19 (6) 0 SONAR 14 (Mrs D Willett) Pat Mitchell 9-0 ...... A Dumin (7) —

BETTING: 11-8 Always Ready, 7-2 Hambledon Lad, 4-1 Golden Sabre, 6-1 Bar Le Duc, 16-1 Frequent Flyer, Breezed Well, 20-1 others.

1987: GREENS MASTERPIECE 9-0 T Ives (7-4 fav) L Piggott 14 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	21	38	55.3	J Matthias	7	46	15.2
W O'Gorman	3	11	27.3	M Hills	4	31	12.9
H Thomson Jones	3	14	21.4	P Cook	18	143	12.6
R Akehurst	17	90	18.9	T Williams	11	109	10.1
R Houghton	4	22	18.2	Only qualifiers			
P Cole	9	54	16.7				

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3.30 DAILY MAIL LEISURE STAKES (Listed race: £16,128: 6f) (8 runners) BBC 1

1 (6) 1200-0 TONY GALVIN 28 (G) (I Tomazos) C Nelson 5-9-10 ...... I Johnson —
2 (5) 3100-00 SINGING STEVEN 2 (F,G,S) (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 4-9-8 ...... P Cook 85
3 (8) 0400-00 BESTPLAN 10 (B,C,F,G,S) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 4-9-5 ...... M L Thomas 78
8 (7) 020000- SHARP ROMANCE 182 (D,G) (Al-Deera Bloodstock) G Fytche 6-9-5 ...... — 87
10 (1) 1000-33 WANTAGE PARK 9 (F) (G Mills) M Ryan 4-8-11 ...... G Bardwell (5) 88
12 (3) 11311-3 GALLIC LEAGUE 35 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-3 ...... M Hills ● 99
16 (2) 1301-40 POSADA 23 (D,G,S) (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-0 ...... M Roberts 85
18 (4) 102340- TRICKY NOTE 252 (D,F,G) (Mrs K Ashbourne) W Haggas 3-8-0 ...... R Hills 77

BETTING: 6-5 Gallic League, 9-2 Posada, 5-1 Tricky Note, 13-2 Wantage Park, 12-1 Bestplan, 14-1 Sharp Romance, 15-1 others.

1987: MISTER MAJESTIC 8-3 T Ives (5-1) R Williams 11 ran

FORM SINGING STEVEN (8-13) best effort a head beating of Carol's Treasure (8-8) at Goodwood (5f Group III, £22,184, good to firm, July 30, 9 ran).
WANTAGE PARK (8-11) 5½l 3rd to Handsome Sailor (9-8) at York (6f Group III, £19,763, good, May 12, 13 ran).
GALLIC LEAGUE (9-0) ¾l 3rd to Zelphi (9-0) at Newbury (7f Group 3, £18,816, good, April 16, 7 ran).
POSADA (8-6) best effort was a 2½l beating of Breakaway (8-6) at Ripon (6f List, £8,324, good, Aug 31, 7 ran).
TRICKY NOTE (8-11) showed best when 2l 3rd to Pea Green (8-11) with POSADA (8-8) 1l 5th (5f Listed, £9,334, good to firm, Aug 15, 9 ran).
Selection: GALLIC LEAGUE

4.0 DAILY MAIL RACEMAIL STAKES (£5,056: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 (5) 20-0100 ROCK CHANTEUR 32 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 4-9-11 ...... I Johnson 87
2 (2) 0-02000 COUNT TREVISIO 11 (S) (B Keay) P Howling 4-9-8 ...... P Cook 66
3 (6) 3413-13 GOLDEN BRAID 28 (D,F,G) (Sir M Sobell) I Balding 4-9-8 ...... J Matthias ● 99
4 (7) 00 GALACTO BOY 18 (J Moynihan) C Horgan 4-9-4 ...... S Dawson —
5 (10) 14140-0 HIGH MACH 4 (D,F) (P Green) M Pipe 4-9-4 ...... J Williams —
6 (1) 10000/0 KOKOSCHKA 4 (S) (J Williams) G Roe 6-9-4 ...... Candy Moore (7) —
9 (4) 013420- NORTHERN ALLIANCE 248 (F,S) (Mrs A Judd) G Lewis 4-9-4 ...... N Adams 63
14 (9) 12-31 DALGAN 26 (D,F,S) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 3-8-7 ...... W Ryan 85
16 (8) 24111- PONTEVECCHIO NOTTE 274 (C,F,G) (W Marin) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-7 .. R Hills 87
18 (3) 410- DOWAGER EMPRESS 255 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-0 ...... M Hills 76

BETTING: 9-4 Golden Braid, 100-30 Dalgan, 7-2 Pontevecchio Notte, 5-1 Rock Chanteur, 7-1 Dowager Empress, 12-1 Northern Alliance, 20-1 others.

1987: SHOOTING PARTY 3-8-3 W Ryan (4-6 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

4.30 DAILY MAIL CLASSIFIED HANDICAP (£2,926: 6f) (20 runners)

2 (1) 0000-00 AL AMEAD 18 (CD,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-9-10 ...... J Matthias 89
4 (17) 220-000 RANKSTREET 19 (V,S) (J Rumble) P Arthur 4-9-7 ...... M Gallagher (7) 88
6 (9) 003004- CRETE CARGO 326 (F,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 5-9-1 ...... D Ebert (7) 85
7 (16) 2100-00 ANYOW 11 (D,F,G,S) (D Myers) M Haynes 4-9-0 ...... — 84
9 (3) 10200-0 CEE-EN-CEE 18 (B,CD,F) (Orbit Machining) M McCourt 4-9-0 ...... A Tucker (7) 82
11 (6) 00140-1 FREMONT BOY 42 (CD,G,S) (Miss S Previte) C James 6-8-12 ...... P Cook 87
12 (4) 0000-00 INDIAN SET 10 (CD,S) (J Halsey) P Howling 4-8-12 ...... M Roberts 84
13 (8) 000/000- AL DIWAN 375 (A Sofroniou) M Francis 5-8-11 ...... R Street —
14 (19) 03203-2 RESTLESS RHAPSODY 47 (F,G) (W Haggas) W Haggas 5-8-11 ...... M Hills 82
15 (13) 004200- WHAT A GUY 247 (B Warren) P Mitchell 4-8-10 ...... W Ryan 81
17 (10) 000/40- BINGDON BUILDERS 395 (D Rowland) D Thom 4-8-8 ...... I Johnson 85
18 (20) 00-3000 MONT ARTHUR 11 (D,F) (Mrs J Irving) P Howling 4-8-4 ...... R Hills 80
19 (7) 34400-3 ZILLEBEKE 4 (D,F) (B David) W Brooks 5-8-3 ...... R Curant ● 99
20 (2) 000-000 KELLY'S ROYALE 31 (F,G) (F Cadman) D A Wilson 6-8-3 ...... D J Williams (5) —
21 (11) 31000-0 AFRICAN SAFARI 9 (F) (Lord Carrick) P Cundell 4-8-2 ...... J Carr (5) 86
25 (14) 00-0 TIME MODULE 28 (Mrs D Scott) R Hodges 4-7-13 ...... P Perham (7) —
27 (12) 10040-0 GLORY BEE 11 (D,F) (B Keay) J Holt 4-7-12 ...... N Adams 82
28 (15) 0000-0 PINK PUMPKIN 40 (F,G) (N Biggs) J Bosley 4-7-7 ...... M L Thomas 83
29 (5) 402000- EXERT 205 (D,F) (B Hager) R Akehurst 6-7-7 ...... T Williams 86
30 (18) 00/0000- HARRY'S COMING 343 (S) (Mrs D Wetherall) R Hodges 4-7-7 ...... G Hills (7) —

Long handicap: Pink Pumpkin 7-4, Exert 7-4, Harry's Coming 7-1.
BETTING: 2-1 Fremont Boy, 5-1 Restless Rhapsody, 13-2 Zillebeke, Anyow, 8-1 Crete Cargo, African atan, 10-1 Al Diwan, 12-1 others.

1987: GERSHWIN 4-8-8 W Newnes (10-1) D O'Connell 19 ran

Walwyn eyes Ascot prizes

Peter Walwyn is looking forward to Royal Ascot after landing a 10-1 Newmarket double yesterday with Hamdan Al-Maktoum's pair Wakayi and Rawnak.

Wakayi, impressive winner of the Ditch Fillies' Stakes, may well improve Walwyn's record in the Queen Mary Stakes, a race in which the trainer has saddled the third three times.

Rawnak, a one-length winner from Border Guard in the King Charles II Stakes, was partnered by Ray Cochrane, who was notching his first win for the stable.

"Rawnak has never run like he runs at home — until today," said Walwyn, who has entered the colt for the St James's Palace, Queen Anne and Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot.

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Dam Busters.
2.30 Fly Concorde.
3.05 Bellefella.
3.35 Simon Rattle.
4.10 Gallant Hope.
4.40 Silver Fling.
5.10 Miss Mischievous.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Arsonist.
2.30 Stisted Park.
3.05 Genuine Gift.
3.35 Chummy's Favourite.
4.10 Proud And Keen.
4.40 Barford Lady.
5.10 Miss Mischievous.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ...... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 MATTHEW DAWSON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,012: 1m 6f) (12 runners)

101 (8) 0-0 ARSONIST 21 (G B Turnbull Ltd) W Jarvis 9-0 ...... B Raymond 89
103 (1) 0-42 COUNT MY BLESSINGS 22 (M Gadsby) C Wall 9-0 ...... Paul Eddery 81
104 (7) 42 DAM BUSTERS 19 (Mrs D Myers) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 ...... R Cochrane ● 99
107 (2) 034-3 RIYADH LIGHTS 28 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ...... T Quinn 78
108 (10) 00-0 SERGEANT AT ARMS 32 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-0 ...... G Sexton —
109 (12) 3044-00 STEP TO STARDOM 8 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0 ...... S Cauthen 74
110 (6) 00-0 SWOOPING 19 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-0 ...... A Clark 77
111 (3) 000-00 TANG 15 (D Margolis) P Kelleway 9-0 ...... M Wigham 67
113 (5) 00 TWO FOR THE QUEUE 14 (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 ...... T Ives —
114 (9) WINNING GALLERY (Mrs S St George) N Callaghan 9-0 ...... W Newnes —
115 (4) GOOD CHANCE (P McSorley) C Horgan 8-11 ...... S Whitworth —
116 (11) RUDE NOT TO (J Duggan) R Hollinshead 8-11 ...... S Perks —

BETTING: 2-1 Dam Busters, 100-30 Arsonist, 4-1 Count My Blessings, 6-1 Riyadh Lights, 7-1 Step To Stardom, 9-1 Swooping, 10-1 others.

1987: CAITANI 9-0 W Swinburn (5-2 fav) W Jarvis 9 ran

2.30 GINISTRELLI SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,758: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

201 (5) 000-00 GLEN OAK 19 (A Oppenheimer) D Laing 9-7 ...... B Raymond 80
203 (14) 000-0 FLY CONCORDE 28 (W Ponsonby) P Cole 9-4 ...... T Quinn 91
205 (6) 0000-0 SINFUL SECRET 16 (Mrs M Herring) P Makin 9-0 ...... S Perks 81
206 (12) 00-0 GEORGIAN MELODY 25 (A Perry) D Morley 8-13 ...... P Devlin (7) 80
207 (1) 000-00 NISCARA 4 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-13 ...... M Wigham —
208 (9) 0-00 BATH STREET BOY 21 (B) (M Merritt) P Haslam 8-12 ...... B Crossley —
209 (10) 3210-00 STISTED PARK 32 (F) (A Potter) P Haslam 8-11 ...... J Quinn (5) 94
211 (8) 000-0 BIDSTON MILL 3 (B) (A Piller) W Wilson 8-8 ...... R McGhin —
213 (7) 000-000 SARMAD 14 (T Neild) P Howling 8-8 ...... Paul Eddery —
214 (4) 02000-0 CARFAX 19 (Mrs K Sneath) R Hoad 8-6 ...... S Whitworth 90
215 (2) 00000-1 BEWITCHING WIND 26 (F) (T Marshall) M Usher 8-5 ...... D McKay 88
216 (11) 0-000 BIDDERS PRINCESS 12 (V) (G A Farndon Eng) R Whitaker 8-5 .... Dean McKeown —
218 (13) 000-040 ANGUS PRINCESS 4 (K Panos) K Ivory 7-13 ...... I Jupp (7) 81
219 (3) 00-0003 QUALITAIR DUTCHESS 14 (P Bottomley) K Stone 7-10 ...... G Carter ● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Fly Concorde, 9-2 Bewitching Wind, 11-2 Qualitair Dutchess, 6-1 Carfax, 15-2 Stisted Park, 9-1 Georgian Melody, 10-1 Sinful Secret, 12-1 others.

1987: WHITE OF MORN 8-3 S Horsfall (20-1) M McCormack 17 ran

3.05 GEORGE LAMBTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,237: 1m) (26 runners) C 4

301 (22) 0-0 ALLO BLUE 42 (P Williamson) P Mitchell 9-0 ...... C Rutter 55
302 (18) 3204-23 BELLEFELLA 21 (E Evans) C Nelson 9-0 ...... Paul Eddery ● 99
303 (6) 00 CEDARS ROCK 10 (E Holding) E Eldin 9-0 ...... P Tulk 62
304 (9) 0 CRETAN BOY 35 (Mrs N Kairis) M Usher 9-0 ...... J Kennedy —
307 (23) EL ZULFI (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ...... T Quinn —
309 (25) GENUINE GIFT (Prince Ahmed Salman) H Cecil 9-0 ...... S Cauthen —
311 (16) IMPERIAL MYCENAE (I Southcott) M Prescott 9-0 ...... C Nutter —
312 (21) 000- JOPANINI 210 (J Bush) D Thom 9-0 ...... B Crossley —
316 (19) 0 MANGO MANILA 18 (K Andersen) C Horgan 9-0 ...... E Johnson —
317 (13) 00 MOON WARRIOR 15 (P Allen) D Wilson 9-0 ...... C Dwyer —
318 (8) MUTARID (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ...... G Sexton —
320 (15) PALM HOUSE (Maj W Harden) L Cumani 9-0 ...... R Cochrane —
321 (5) 040- PIERROCINI 197 (Stuncroft Ltd) R Casey 9-0 ...... P Barnard (5) —
322 (3) 000- RARE WORDS 218 (D Furlong) A Bailey 9-0 ...... J Quinn (5) —
323 (4) 04- SMOKEJACK 281 (Sir J Prideaux) J Dunlop 9-0 ...... A Clark —
324 (2) SPORTING WEDNESDAY (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 9-0 ...... S Whitworth —
325 (1) STRONG SILVER (M Fustok) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 ...... T Ives —
326 (24) 0-0 TOUCHING STAR 16 (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ...... G Baxter 57
331 (17) KEY TO THE RIVER (Hesmonds Stud) H Candy 8-11 ...... W Newnes —
332 (20) MARVA (A Th Van der Lecq) J Winter 8-11 ...... G Carter —
333 (26) MISSOURI HELEN (Mrs W Al-Mulla) G Huffer 8-11 ...... M Rimmer —
334 (7) MOTHER COURAGE (C Humphris) J Dunlop 8-11 ...... R Fox —
336 (14) NIGHT BLOOMER (Mrs M Rosenthal) W Haggas 8-11 ...... A Kimberley —
337 (10) SELECT (Select Ltd) G Huffer 8-11 ...... B Lane (7) —
338 (11) 0- SHESHELLS 233 (Mrs D Myers) R Armstrong 8-11 ...... A Shoults (3) —
340 (12) 4- TEST CASE 203 (Mrs H Phillips) W Jarvis 8-11 ...... B Raymond 70

BETTING: 4-9 Bellefella, 5-1 Genuine Gift, 7-1 Test Case, 9-1 El Zulfi, 12-1 Mutarid, Smokejack, 14-1 others.

1987: SHER SHAH 9-0 S Cauthen (2-1 fav) H Cecil 27 ran

FORM ALLO BLUE (9-0) 3l 5th to Sharjan (9-10) at Lingfield (6f grad, £959, soft, April 9, 12 ran).
BELLEFELLA (9-0) 2½l 3rd to Doyoun (9-0) at Newmarket (1m Group I, £84,706, good, April 30, 9 ran).
CRETAN BOY (9-0) 7l 9th to Javenese (9-0) at Newbury (1m mdn, £4,127, April 16, 27 ran).
RARE WORDS (8-12) best effort 7th to Carmelite House (9-5) at Newmarket (7f, £9,533, good to soft, Oct 17, 12 ran).
TEST CASE (8-11) best effort 2l 4th to Pamusi (8-11) at Newmarket (7f mdn, £4,627, good to soft, Oct 31, 18 ran).
TOUCHING STAR (9-0) 5l 5th to Foot The Bill at Salisbury (1m 2f mdn, good, March 5, 18 ran).
EL ZULFI cost 180,000gns. By Nureyev. Dam won at two years in France and later successful in US.
GENUINE GIFT cost $550,000. By Blushing Groom. Dam a half-sister to Lyphard and Nobiliary.
KEY TO THE RIVER cost $350,000. By Irish River. Dam an unraced half-sister to US champions Fort Marcy and Key To The Mint.
Selection: BELLEFELLA

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	46	187	24.6	S Cauthen	68	359	18.9
L Cumani	35	177	19.8	R Cochrane	31	261	11.9
D Douieb	9	52	17.3	G Carter	16	150	10.7
H Candy	11	68	16.2	B Raymond	13	127	10.2
C Nelson	5	36	13.9	Only qualifiers			
I Balding	9	70	12.9				

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.35 CORAL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £16,518: 6f) (16 runners) C 4

401 (12) 420-020 GOLDEN GARTER 9 (D,F,G,S) (T Wong) M Brittain 9-7 ...... M Wigham 83
403 (15) 10-41 SIMON RATTLE 22 (CD,G) (O Waller) P Walwyn 9-1 ...... R Cochrane 98
406 (6) 3041-01 DRAIDOIR 30 (D,G) (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-9 ...... S Perks 96
407 (13) 2101-40 FORTINBRAS 9 (D,F,G) (T Barker) E Weymes 8-9 ...... W Newnes 94
408 (2) 1124-00 APTITUDE 22 (BF,F,G) (H H Prince Yazid Saud) B Hills 8-9 ...... S Cauthen 91
409 (4) 1000-30 BE MY BRIDE 9 (F,S) (Sheikh Rashid Al Khalifa) S Norton 8-5 ...... B Crossley 95
410 (5) 2201-0 GUN LADY 22 (D,F) (A Stirling) J Dunlop 8-5 ...... B Raymond 85
411 (16) 0100-22 MAC'S FIGHTER 22 (B,CD,F) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 8-4 ...... T Ives 97
412 (7) 222-2 MASARRAH 19 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-3 ...... G Baxter 86
413 (8) 4-34 BIG CHIEF 30 (A Rudolf) Mrs L Piggott 8-0 ...... T Quinn 95
414 (10) 30421-0 LATE MATINEE 21 (D,S) (Mrs J Bethell) J Bethell 7-13 ...... L Dettori (5) 87
415 (14) 43-1 CADEAUX GENEREUX 31 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douieb 7-12 Paul Eddery 92
416 (3) 42-11 TEEMING SHORE 14 (G) (T Rooney) M Prescott 7-9 (5ex) ...... G Carter ● 99
417 (1) 023- CHUMMY'S FAVOURITE 284 (M Hill) N Callaghan 7-8 ...... — 90
418 (9) 010-0 PANDA PRINCE 28 (S) (S Crown) P Cole 7-7 ...... R Fox 89
420 (11) 10 LUCKY STRAW 11 (D,S) (P Bottomley) K Stone 7-7 ...... Dale Gibson (5) 76

Long handicap: Panda Prince 7-5, Lucky Straw 6-12.
BETTING: 9-2 Teeming Shore, 5-1 Mac's Fighter, 6-1 Simon Rattle, 13-2 Draidoir, 15-2 Aptitude, 8-1 Big Chief, 9-1 Cadeaux Genereux, 10-1 Masarrah, Panda Prince, 12-1 others.

1987: BEL BYOU 8-4 T Quinn (9-1) P Cook 15 ran

FORM GOLDEN GARTER (9-5) best effort head 2nd to Sleepy Mountain (8-13) at Folkestone (6f h'cap, £2,511, good, April 18, 7 ran).
SIMON RATTLE (8-12) 3l winner from MAC'S FIGHTER (8-4) at Newmarket (6f h'cap, £8,597, good, April 29, 14 ran) with APTITUDE (9-5) 7½l 5th and GUN LADY (8-13) 11½l 8th.
DRAIDOIR (9-7) 5l winner from Favourite Girl (8-13) at Pontefract (6f h'cap, £3,319, good, April 21 13 ran).
MASARRAH (8-10) 1l 2nd to Prima Domina (9-3) at Kempton (6f grad, £2,927, good, May 2, 18 ran).
CADEAUX GENEREUX (8-11) 4l winner from Chaume (8-11) at Pontefract (5f grad, £1,521, good, April 20, 8 ran).
TEEMING SHORE (8-8) 2½l winner from Sleepline Fantasy (9-7) at Bath (5f 167yd h'cap, good, May 7, 11 ran).
LUCKY STRAW (7-11) best effort 4l winner from Batchworth Dancer (7-12) at Nottingham (6f claim, £1,411, soft, April 18, 17 ran).
Selection: APTITUDE

4.10 SKOL SPRINT CLASSIC SERIES (Handicap: £8,012: 5f) (14 runners) C 4

502 (6) 1000-00 MERDON MELODY 23 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Smith) R Sheather 5-9-10 ...... R Cochrane —
504 (2) 20-1313 ABATHATC 10 (D,G,S) (R Mello) C Nelson 4-9-9 ...... S Whitworth 97
505 (4) 0040-04 PADRE PIO 18 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs G Ward) D Arbuthnot 7-9-6 ...... S Cauthen 95
506 (7) 02200-4 MAKE OR MAR 31 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 4-9-5 ...... C Rutter 89
507 (11) 00-4011 PROUD AND KEEN 2 (B,D,F,S) (Miss D Keen) W O'Gorman 3-9-3 (7ex) R Morse (5) 98
508 (14) 3104-01 GALLANT HOPE 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 6-9-3 (7ex) ...... R Fox 93
509 (13) 0132-03 GOLDEN ANCONA 11 (G,S) (D Gorton) M H Easterby 5-9-2 ...... T Ives 96
510 (9) 000-004 PHILIP 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Marley) N Tinkler 6-9-0 ...... Kim Tinkler 95
511 (8) 420-030 RETRIEVE 11 (F,G,S) (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 5-9-0 ...... B Raymond 92
512 (12) 0302-30 JOE SUGDEN 10 (D,F,S) (F Hines) R Whitaker 4-8-13 ...... Dean McKeown 95
513 (10) 104-333 CARELESS WHISPER 2 (V,D,F) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 5-8-13 ...... G Carter ● 99
514 (5) 0440-20 RESTLESS DON 18 (D,F) (D Sherwin) J Berry 3-8-12 ...... Paul Eddery 90
515 (1) 04030-3 AFRICAN SPIRIT 22 (D,F,S) (B Haggas) M Prescott 4-8-10 ...... C Nutter 94
517 (3) 4432-21 ANTHONY LORETTO 19 (D,S) (Stuncroft Ltd) R Casey 3-8-7 ...... T Quinn 95

BETTING: 4-1 Anthony Loretto, 9-2 Pround And Keen, 6-1 Abathatc, 7-1 Careless Whisper, 8-1 African Spirit, Padre Pio, 9-1 Golden Ancona, 10-1 Joe Sugden, 12-1 Gallant Hope, Philip, 14-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM ABATHATC (8-9) 1½l 3rd to Ever Sharp (9-8) at York (5f h'cap, £8,181, good, May 11, 12 ran), with PHILIP (8-2) 1½l 4th and JOE SUGDEN (7-11) 3½l 7th.
PADRE PIO (9-10) 2½l 4th to Restore (9-1) at Kempton (6f h'cap, £5,018, good, May 3, 16 ran) with GALLANT HOPE (8-13) 9th.
PROUD AND KEEN (7-12) beat Carol's Treasure (9-9) 2l at Goodwood (5f h'cap, £12,213, good to firm, May 19, 13 ran) with CARELESS WHISPER (7-7) ½l 3rd.
GALLANT HOPE (8-4) beat Luna Bid (8-12) 2l at Newbury (6f h'cap, £5,080, firm, May 14, 13 ran).
GOLDEN ANCONA (8-6) not clear run when 4l 3rd to Master Pokey (8-3) at York (6f h'cap, £12,408, good, May 10, 14 ran) with RETRIEVE (8-4) ¾l 5th.
RESTLESS DON (9-6) best effort a 1½l 2nd to Queen Of Aragon (8-9) at Thirsk (5f h'cap, £2,626, good to firm, April 16, 13 ran).
ANTHONY LORETTO (8-8) beat Hansom Lad (8-5) ¾l at Doncaster (5f h'cap, £3,922, good to soft, May 2, 13 ran) with PHILIP (9-10) 11th.
Selection: PHILIP

4.40 BBA QUEENSBERRY STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £5,253: 6f) (7 runners) C 4

602 (7) 1310- HUMBLE PIE 210 (D,G) (T Holland-Martin) H Cecil 9-2 ...... S Cauthen 90
603 (2) 10- MOON DROP 280 (F) (M Suhail) B Hanbury 9-1 ...... B Raymond 85
604 (3) 4140-00 QUEEN'S PIPER 18 (G) (Lord Fairhaven) Lord J FitzGerald 9-0 ...... Paul Eddery 91
605 (4) 021-102 SILVER FLING 18 (D,BF,F,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-13 ...... T Ives 97
606 (5) 23- BARFORD LADY 203 (Mrs C Handscombe) G Huffer 8-7 ...... M Rimmer 96
607 (6) ELECTRIC ROSE (C Allen) C Allen 8-7 ...... G Carter —
610 (1) 33-40 STOP DAY 23 (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-7 ...... R Cochrane ● 99

BETTING: 13-8 Stop Day, 5-2 Silver Fling, 4-1 Humble Pie, 7-1 Barford Lady, 9-1 Moon Drop, 12-1 Queen's Piper, 20-1 Electric Rose.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM HUMBLE PIE (9-0) best effort a neck beating of SILVER FLING (8-8) at Goodwood (6f, £3,047, good, Sept 11, 6 ran).
QUEENS PIPER (8-8) 2½l 4th to Pea Green (8-11) at Newbury (5f, £9,334, good to firm, Aug 15, 9 ran) with MOONS DROP (8-8) short head 5th.
MOON DROP (8-11) previously beat Marantia (8-11) ¾l here (5f mdn, £4,078, good to firm, May 1, 15 ran).
SILVER FLING (9-3) latest start a head 2nd to Princess Athena (9-3) at Kempton (5f, £3,220, good, May 3, 10 ran) with QUEENS PIPER (9-0) 5l 5th.
BARFORD LADY (8-11) 2l 3rd to Pamusi (8-11) here (7f mdn, £4,627, good to soft, Oct 31, 28 ran).
STOP DAY (8-11) best effort was a 5½l 4th to Dabaweyaa (8-11) here (1m mdn, £4,650, good, April 12, 22 ran).
Selection: STOP DAY

5.10 FELIX LEACH MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,198: 6f) (30 runners)

1 (21) GREY FELLOW (J Livock) M Prescott 9-3 ...... C Nutter —
2 (3) 00 CROSBY 14 (J Etherton) J Payne 9-1 ...... R Cochrane 74
3 (12) 022 TENTER CLOSE 9 (Mrs E Faulkner) R Whitaker 9-1 ...... Dean McKeown ● 99
4 (10) 0 JUST THREE 18 (B McGee) M McCormack 9-0 ...... C Rutter —
8 (17) ZANUSSI SATELLITE (Thompson Cook Distributors) D Arbuthnot 8-12 .. B Procter —
10 (11) 23 COQ DU NORD 36 (BF) (Gymcrak T'Bred Racing Plc) M H Easterby 8-11 S Cauthen 97
11 (30) 00 FISTFUL OF BUCKS 11 (R Schimmel) E Eldin 8-11 ...... A Shoults (3) —
13 (20) JUST A STEP (Miss L Morgan) M McCormack 8-10 ...... S Horsfall —
15 (28) 33 POLYROLL 43 (Sheet & Roll Convertors Ltd) Mrs C Reavey 8-10 ... P Barnard (5) 86
16 (9) 2 WILD ABANDON 8 (A Crawford) C Tinkler 8-10 ...... M Wood 94
18 (5) 004 BREEZY SAILOR 12 (Mrs M Thompson) R Thompson 8-9 ...... P Bradwell 82
19 (2) BRIGGSCARE (F Briggs) W Jarvis 8-9 ...... M Tebbutt (7) —
21 (15) OTTOMAN PRINCE (B Nadir) P Burgoyne 8-9 ...... D McKay —
23 (22) KING RADA (C Mills) D Thom 8-8 ...... B Crossley —
24 (18) 0 ROYAL STING 16 (T McCarthy) M Fetherston-Godley 8-8 ...... N Howe —
25 (14) CASSIBELLA (Mrs N Kairis) P Makin 8-7 ...... T Ives —
27 (16) 2 MISS MISCHIEVOUS 11 (Mrs J Callaghan) N Callaghan 8-7 ...... W Newnes 94
28 (7) 0 MUSIANICA 11 (J Ellis) M Tompkins 8-7 ...... G Carter 81
29 (23) 40 PERICOT 22 (A Williams) P Kelleway 8-7 ...... — 70
30 (6) 03 SHARP THISTLE 14 (Angley Stud Ltd) W Musson 8-7 ...... E Johnson 87
32 (1) 0 ANOTHER WISH 47 (J Redmond) J Winter 8-6 ...... Paul Eddery —
33 (25) JADEBELLE (M Hill) M Jarvis 8-6 ...... B Raymond —
34 (26) 300 BIRMINGHAM'S PRIDE 19 (Daily News Ltd Birmingham) R Hollinshead 8-5 S Perks 95
35 (13) 0 INTREPID SON 21 (G Blum) G Blum 8-5 ...... M Rimmer —
36 (24) WINDBURN (C Pennick) C Williams 8-3 ...... G Baxter —
37 (4) 2 AJALITA 14 (S Potter) M Ryan 8-2 ...... N Gwilliams (7) 88
38 (19) 44 EASTER GLORY 16 (C Buckle) A Lee 8-1 ...... J Quinn (5) 85
39 (29) H'ANI SAN (Mrs A Tompkins) M Tompkins 8-1 ...... R Morse (5) —
40 (27) LADY LIGS (J McArdle) C Williams 8-0 ...... NON-RUNNER —
41 (8) MY LADY MINSTREL (Dr S Foster) J Spearing 8-0 ...... L Dettori (5) —

BETTING: 7-2 Miss Mischievous, 9-2 Coq du Nord, 11-2 Tenter Close, 13-2 Wild Abandon, 8-1 Ajalita Birmingham's Pride, 10-1 Sharp Thistle, 12-1 Polyroll, 14-1 others.

1987: LORDS WOOD 8-10 R Lines (8-1) W Hastings-Bass 27 ran

CRICKET: WILLIAMS WRAPS UP THE FIRST VICTORY FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SINCE 1906 AFTER FOLLOWING ON

Davis switches Northants fortunes

By Richard Streeton

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (19pts) beat Warwickshire (7) by six runs.

Northamptonshire, who had followed on 245 runs behind, gained a remarkable victory in this four-day championship match yesterday. Warwickshire were left 119 to win and amid enormous tension they lost their last five wickets for 14 runs.

Davis and Walker, the new ball bowlers, wrecked the early Warwickshire innings and the score was 51 for five before Asif Din and Reeve added 47. Then Williams, the off-spinner, dismissed Asif and the tail crumbled.

Davis finished with 10 wickets in the match and Williams took three for nine in the final stages. Earlier *Davis made a significant* contribution with the bat when he and Ripley continued their overnight ninth-wicket stand which was worth 89

This was only the second time Northamptonshire have won a match after following-on, the previous occasion being against Worcestershire in 1906. It was a magnificent match and another fine advertisement for the four-day game.

Warwickshire's early batsmen have little form behind them this year and they always looked tentative against Davis and Walker, who kept a good line. A wearing pitch yielded uneven bounce and the early setbacks did little to inspire confidence.

Walker made an immediate breakthrough when Lloyd pushed half forward to his first ball and edged a catch to second slip. Moles was leg-before *to Davis against a ball* that kept low. The score was 24 for three when Kallicharran completed a pair when he was beaten by Walker by the third ball he faced.

Humpage drove a low, return catch to Davis in the last over before lunch and Smith mistimed a drive against Walker to mid-on soon afterwards. Asif, from the start, showed more resolution than anyone else and neither he nor Reeve, the other first-innings century-maker, looked in any difficulty as their sixth-wicket stand developed.

Walker changed ends and Cook and Capel were each given an over before Williams bowled with the total 96 and *the match entered its final* twists. Against Williams's second ball Asif tried an ambitious *pull* and edged *a high* catch to mid-wicket.

Davis returned at the other end and Reeve gave a catch off the splice which Fordham at forward short-leg clutched at the second attempt. Merrick was tempted to try and pull Williams and was bowled. *When Pierson misjudged a* near yorker from Davis and was bowled offering no stroke, Warwickshire *had lost three* wickets in successive overs.

Gifford, the No. 11, then joined Parsons and 14 runs were needed. They managed seven singles against Davis and Williams and the off-spinner also bowled two maidens. Finally, Gifford edged a *faster ball from* Williams to Larkins at slip and Northamptonshire had won. Gifford *seemed disappointed at the* decision but David Evans, the umpire, and the fieldsmen had no doubts.

The early four-day fixtures in this season's programme have now been completed and do not resume until late August. Only five of the 23 *four-day* matches played in the past month have been left drawn and these were all *disrupted to some extent* by the weather.

Seven of the 18 wins were achieved in three days or less and common to all the matches has seen an absence of defensive bowling and contrived finishes. Overall the legislators must be delighted with their experiment.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 415 (Asif Din 131, D A Reeve 103; W W Davis 6 for 141)

Second innings	
*T A Lloyd c Bailey b Walker	2
A J Moles lbw b Davis	9
Asif Din c Walker b Williams	48
A Kallicharran lbw b Walker	0
†G W Humpage c and b Davis	3
P A Smith c Williams b Walker	5
D A Reeve c Fordham b Davis	12
G J Parsons not out	8
A T Merrick b Williams	1
A R K Pierson b Davis	1
N Gifford c Larkins b Williams	3
Extras (b 8, lb 2, nb 10)	20
Total	112

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-22, 3-24, 4-38, 5-51, 6-98, 7-103, 8-104, 9-105.

BOWLING: Davis 19-3-44-4; Walker 14-1-40-3; Cook 1-0-3-0; Capel 1-0-6-0; Williams 6.4-3-9-3.

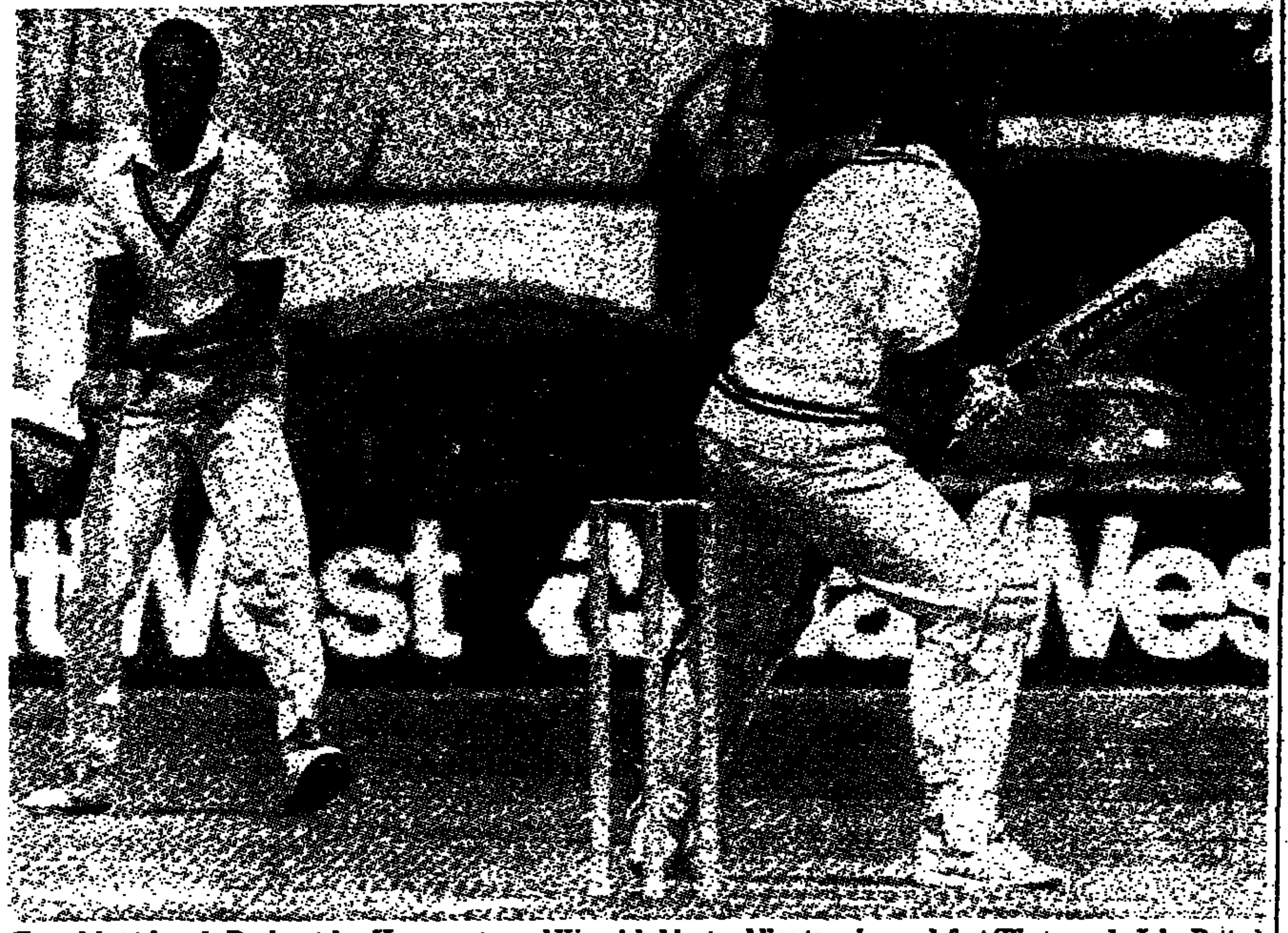
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 170 (R J Bailey 76)

Second Innings	
A Fordham lbw b Parsons	26
*W Larkins c Humpage b Reeve	33
R J Bailey c Lloyds b Gifford	60
D J Capel c Moles b Smith	37
R G Williams c Humpage b Merrick	13
D J Wild c and b Smith	58
†D Ripley c Lloyd b Ripley	47
N G B Cook lbw b Merrick	1
S J Brown c Humpage b Merrick	0
W W Davis c Gifford b Smith	43
A Walker not out	3
Extras (b 5, lb 10, w 5, nb 22)	42
Total	363

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-92, 3-170, 4-184, 5-242, 6-264, 7-268, 8-268, 9-357.

BOWLING: Merrick 39-7-115-3; Parsons 17-5-36-1; Reeve 18.3-6-30-2; Smith 18-1-49-3; Gifford 28-11-68-1; Pierson 19-8-39-0; Asif Din 8-3-11-0.

Umpires: D G L Evans and J W Holder.



Ten-wicket triumph: Davis catches Humpage to send Warwickshire tumbling to a six-run defeat (Photograph: John Potter)

Middlesex exploit Leicester pitch

By John Woodcock

LEICESTER: Middlesex (24 pts) beat Leicestershire (4 pts) by eight wickets.

With their fourth victory in four matches, and arguably the most gratifying of them all, Middlesex went to the head of the county championship at Grace Road yesterday . Having taken Leicestershire's *remaining* five second innings wickets in 95 minutes for 64 runs, they beat them by eight wickets.

To win without Gatting, Downton, and Emburey, and with Slack unable to take any meaningful part, was a splendid effort. In a sense, Leicestershire were hoist with their own petard; the pitch which they had prepared with a view to sustaining their own promising start to the series being put to better purpose by their young opponents.

There seems to me to be a good deal of doctoring of pitches going on at the moment with the consequence that in spite of the four-day experiment there has probably never been in a five-week period, in an English season or any other, when the medium-pacers have had it so good. This was the sixth championship match, parts or all of which, I have watched, and I have yet to see a spinner take a wicket.

When Potter was given two of the last four overs yesterday, Gower having conceded the match, he was the first Leicestershire slow bowler to be used at Grace Road this year. That simply cannot be for the good of the game. So uncertain was the bounce and movement for this match with Middlesex that one was filled with admiration for the way Whitaker battled his way to a half-century and Potter held on for two-and-a-half hours while making 39 not out. If Middlesex had been left even 100 to win they might well have struggled to make them, especially if Carr had gone early.

As it was, he was dropped by Lewis, the stand-in wicketkeeper (Whitticase had been injured) when he was four, and stayed on to see Middlesex home, finishing things off by crashing Taylor three times through the covers, one with a brilliant stroke off the back foot. It is rare indeed to see, within a space of 10 days, two batsmen of a new school rise above the ordinary quite as demonstrably as Carr (24) has this week and *Maynard (22) did last.*

Given first go with the ball yesterday morning in partnership with Williams, Hughes had taken the telling wicket of Whitaker, who pushed forward to something which kept very low and trickled back on to the stumps off the bottom of the bat.

If this was a lucky wicket for *Hughes, it was no more than he* deserved. Lewis lost his off-stump to Williams and Ferris his middle stump to Cowans. Potter, meanwhile, was playing very solidly, but without taking even the calculated chances that might have given Middlesex a little more to do to win. The match finished at 2.30, there having been a good many more hours in the three days when two sweaters were decidedly more welcome than one.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 114 (N F Williams 5 for 46)

Second Innings	
R A Cobb c Olley b Williams	14
N E Briers b Williams	35
*D I Gower c Olley b Williams	74
P Willey c Carr b Cowans	0
J J Whitaker b Hughes	55
L Potter not out	39
C C Lewis b Williams	5
J P Agnew b Hughes	1
G J F Ferris b Cowans	12
L B Taylor c Brown b Cowans	8
†P Whitticase absent hurt	0
Extras (b 1, lb 10, nb 11)	22
Total	265

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-68, 3-76, 4-157, 5-218, 6-223, 7-227, 8-245, 9-265.

BOWLING: Cowans 21.3-2-75-3; Hughes 18-4-51-2; Fraser 26-10-55-0; Williams 20-5-60-4; Sykes 1-0-13-0.

MIDDLESEX: *First Innings* 329 (J D Carr 144, K R Brown 58; J P Agnew 6 for 67)

Second Innings	
J D Carr not out	36
J F Sykes c Willey b Ferris	8
K R Brown b Taylor	0
M A Roseberry not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 3)	5
Total (2 wkts)	52

W N Slack, *R O Butcher, N F Williams, A R C Fraser, S P Hughes, †M C W Olley and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-17.

BOWLING: Ferris 7-0-22-1; Agnew 2-0-2-0; Taylor 6.3-1-20-1; Potter 2-0-6-0.

Umpires: A A Jones and R A White.

Sweet revenge for Somerset

By Ivo Tennant

WORCESTER: Somerset (24pts) beat Worcestershire (6) by nine wickets

Having been beaten, or rather given a drubbing, by Worcestershire in their previous championship match, Somerset retorted yesterday in the most exemplary way. They won in style for the first time this season in this competition, with half a day to spare.

It was fortunate for Somerset that on this pitch of variable bounce they did not encounter Dilley and Radford: yet they deserved some fortune after what Hick and West Indies have done to them in the past fortnight. Crowe's century effectively won them the match, but the success of their young medium pacers yesterday must have given them equal satisfaction.

With Hick having been dismissed the previous evening and Botham unable to bat, Worcestershire put up no resistance at all on a pitch that was becoming more and more spiteful. One lost count of how many times the batsmen were hit on their gloves. It was largely a matter of whether Worcestershire would be able to make Somerset bat again.

Neale was out in the fourth over of the day. To a third slip it would have been a comfortable enough catch. For the stationed second slip, quick reflexes were of paramount importance and Crowe was not found wanting. Next, O'Shaughnessy was leg before, hopelessly beaten by a ball that hit him shin high. The previous one had smacked him on a glove.

Rhodes had his off-stump knocked out, Newport was caught at the wicket and Ellcock and Pridgeon sent up steepling catches, both of which were judged perfectly by Marks. Six wickets had fallen in 21 overs, three of them to Cleal, a lively medium-pacer from Yeovil whose first championship match this was.

Somerset reached their target, a mere 33 runs, for the loss of Roebuck, caught hooking. Lunch had barely been cleared away and there was much disbelief among a sizeable last-day crowd. Was this the same Worcestershire which had won their first three championship matches?

It was, even if their regular fast bowlers were absent. They *will return; how Worcestershire* will fare without Botham is an altogether more vexing matter.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 240 (T S Curtis 70, G J Lord 64; D J Foster 4 for 46)

Second Innings	
T S Curtis lbw b Foster	1
G J Lord lbw b Foster	4
G A Hick c Hardy b Jones	11
S J O'Shaughnessy lbw b Jones	17
*P A Neale c Crowe b Jones	10
†S J Rhodes b Cleal	11
P J Newport c Burns b Cleal	16
R W Illingworth not out	12
R M Ellcock c Marks b Rose	13
A P Pridgeon c Marks b Cleal	2
I T Botham absent hurt	0
Extras (lb 7, w 8, nb 7)	22
Total	119

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-15, 3-21, 4-56, 5-66, 6-83, 7-90, 8-117, 9-119.

BOWLING: Jones 14-3-28-3; Foster 15-6-31-2; Rose 7-1-37-1; Cleal 7.3-0-16-3.

SOMERSET: First Innings 327 (M D Crowe 132, J J E Hardy 70; P J Newport 4 for 97)

Second Innings	
N A Felton not out	13
*P M Roebuck c Rhodes b Ellcock	5
J J E Hardy not out	8
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 1)	7
Total (1 wkt)	33

M D Crowe, J G Wyatt, V J Marks, †N D Burns, G D Rose, M W Cleal, A N Jones and D J Foster did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-11.

BOWLING: Ellcock 5.1-0-18-1; Pridgeon 5-1-10-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and K J Lyons.

Run chase has to be abandoned

By Jack Bailey

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire (6 pts) drew with Glamorgan (7 pts).

Following the most contrived of declarations on a pitch which, in two sessions, had yielded only one wicket, Glamorgan were set 201 to win from 38 overs. Hampshire's declaration was made possible by Nicholas and Robin Smith plundering an attack set up for the purpose.

For a time Glamorgan's batsmen were well in the hunt. Finally, however, both sides had to settle for a draw, the game finishing with Glamorgan 24 runs short of victory, with only two wickets remaining.

When Morris and Nicholas conferred in mid-wicket in mid-afternoon, Hampshire had battled their way to 155 for three. The day's play had yielded 145 runs from 62 overs and Chris Smith's wicket had been Hampshire's only loss.

At this point the real cricket temporarily ceased. An absorbing tussle between bat and ball ended and the scramble for points began. For the record, Morris and Hopkins bowled 9.3 overs to ludicrously attacking fields while Nicholas and Smith helped themselves to 104 runs. Thus, while cricket and belief were suspended, Glamorgan were put back into the game. They had not taken their chances and Ontong had come into the attack far too late.

Given the opportunity by Nicholas's declaration, Glamorgan set about their task with a will. Hopkins pushed and drove his way to 47 out of 99, keeping the score moving after Butcher had been taken brilliant by Terry at slip and while Morris was finding his feet.

Ayling accounted for Hopkins and generally put a brake on Glamorgan's headlong progress with his awkward length. When he also had Maynard taken at mid-wicket Glamorgan's impetus was all but arrested. With eight overs *left 60* runs were required. But by then, Maru had struck twice.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 217 (R C Ontong 4 for 47)

Second Innings	
V P Terry c van Zyl b Thomas	8
C L Smith not out	2
*M C J Nicholas not out	132
R A Smith not out	87
Extras (lb 1 , nb 2)	3
Total (2 wkts dec)	259

D R Turner, J R Ayling, †R J Parks, S T Jefferies, R J Maru, C A Connor and S J W Andrew did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-64.

BOWLING: Thomas 9-1-29-1; van Zyl 15-4-36-0; Derrick 14-5-35-1; Barwick 11-5-24-0; Ontong 11-1-30-0; Butcher 2-2-0-0; Hopkins 5-1-46-0; Morris 4.3-0-58-0.

GLAMORGAN: *First Innings* 276 (R C Ontong 60 not out)

Second Innings	
A R Butcher c Terry b Connor	19
J A Hopkins lbw b Ayling	47
*H Morris c Jefferies b Maru	37
M P Maynard c Turner b Ayling	23
G C Holmes c Parks b Maru	7
R C Ontong st Parks b Maru	9
J G Thomas st Parks b Ayling	19
C J P G van Zyl not out	7
J Derrick st Parks b Maru	0
†C P Metson not out	2
Extras (lb 4, nb 3)	7
Total (8 wkts)	177

S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-89, 3-133, 4-133, 5-141, 6-168, 7-172, 8-172.

BOWLING: Jefferies 4-0-22-0; Connor 9.5-1-38-1; Maru 15-5-70-4; Ayling 9-1-45-3.

Umpires: J H Harris and R Palmer.

Leicestershire forced to call up Garnham

Mike Garnham, the wicketkeeper, who gave up first-class cricket three years ago, returns to help his former county. **Leicestershire**, in their Britannic Assurance championship match with Worcestershire at Grace Road today (Geoffrey Wheeler writes). Garnham replaces Whitticase, who is injured.

Richard Blakey has been dropped by **Yorkshire** for the match with Kent at Canterbury

The Bicknell brothers, Darren and Martin, will feature in the **Surrey** side for the first time this season for **Northamptonshire's** visit to the Oval.

Nottinghamshire, include two youngsters, David Fraser-Darling and Paul Pollard, against Sussex at Trent Bridge.

Yesterday's other scoreboards

Notts v Gloucester

TRENT BRIDGE: Gloucestershire (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (4) by six wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 254 (A W Stovold 84; F D Stephenson 4 for 80)

Second Innings	
A W Stovold c Newell b Cooper	28
A J Wright c Newell b Stephenson	3
I P Butcher c Newell b Stephenson	8
K M Curran c and b Stephenson	13
P Bainbridge not out	11
J W Lloyds not out	14
Extras (b 4, w 2)	3
Total (4 wkts)	80

M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, *D A Graveney, D V Lawrence and T M Alderman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-42, 3-42, 4-60.

BOWLING: Stephenson 13.1-4-36-3; Cooper 13-5-42-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 97 (D V Lawrence 4 for 36)

Second Innings 234 (D V Lawrence 5 for 73)

Umpires: J D Bond and P B Wight.

Camb Univ v Essex

FENNER'S: Essex beat Cambridge University by 135 runs

ESSEX: First Innings 299 for 8 dec (P J Prichard 97, I L Pont 58; N C W Fenton 4 for 78)

Second Innings	
J P Stephenson not out	79
D E East c Heap b Pointer	55
A W Lilley not out	5
Extras (lb 4, w 2)	6
Total (1 wkt dec)	145

*B R Hardie, P R Prichard, G Miller, I L Pont, R N Pook, A C Seymour, J H Childs and M C Ilott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-115.

BOWLING: Fenton 8-0-41-0; Scott 8-1-41-0; Atherton 14-3-39-0; Pointer 7-2-20-1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 188 (M A Atherton 84; J H Childs 5 for 36)

Second Innings	
†R J Turner c Miller b Ilott	6
S J Noyes c Miller b Pont	3
R Heap lbw b Ilott	15
*M A Atherton b Pont	9
J M Tremellen c East b Pont	22
R Bate c Pook b Childs	9
S D Heath c Stephenson b Childs	16
R A Pyman b Pont	0
G A Pointer not out	18
A M G Scott c East b Childs	0
M C W Fenton b Childs	2
Extras (b 3, lb 5, w 2, nb 11)	21
Total	121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-12, 3-36, 4-48, 5-62, 6-85, 7-88, 8-102, 9-113.

BOWLING: Pont 20-3-58-4; Ilott 12-3-23-2; Miller 7-1-7-0; Childs 14.1-6-25-4.

Umpires: D O Oslear and V A Holder.

Oxford Univ v Kent

THE PARKS: Oxford University drew with Kent

KENT: First Innings 539 for 3 dec (C J Tavaré 138 not out, S G Hinks 138, R F *Pienaar 127, C S Cowdrey 124 not out;*

Second Innings	
G R Cowdrey b Sygrove	18
†S A Marsh not out	100
C Penn c Weale b Edwards	29
N R Taylor not out	10
Extras (b 6, lb 3, w 1, nb 1)	11
Total (2 wkts dec)	168

C J Tavaré, S G Hinks, R F Pienaar, *C S Cowdrey, R M Ellison, R P Davis and M D Harman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-136.

BOWLING: Sygrove 12-3-39-1; Weale 6-1-21-0; Crawley 11-1-41-0; Edwards 11.3-2-35-1; Nuttall 6-1-23-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings	
S A Almaer c Marsh b Davis	24
D A Hagan c Marsh b Harman	33
*M J Kilborn c C S Cowdrey b Harman	51
M A Crawley b Harman	0
R E Morris b Harman	0
D A Polkinghorne c Penn b Davis	9
S D Weale c Marsh b Penn	21
†G D Reynolds c Taylor b Pienaar	69
P G Edwards c C S Cowdrey b Harman	0
J D Nuttall c Hinks b Ellison	35
M R Sygrove not out	8
Extras (b 5, lb 9, w 1, nb 12)	27
Total	277

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-95, 3-96, 4-96, 5-121, 6-160, 7-160, 8-170, 9-247.

BOWLING: Ellison 24-12-36-1; Penn 17-2-71-1; Pienaar 14-3-39-1; Harman 27-10-55-5; Davis 24-11-56-2; C S Cowdrey 1-0-6-0.

Second Innings	
S A Almaer c Marsh b Ellison	3
A E Morris c Taylor b Pienaar	2
*M J Kilborn c Marsh b Pienaar	3
M A Crawley not out	10
D A Hagan not out	6
Extras (lb 2, w 2)	4
Total (3 wkts)	28

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-5, 3-10.

BOWLING: Ellison 8-3-9-1; Pienaar 8-4-17-2.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and R C Tolchard.

Britannic Assurance county championship

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bwl	Pts
Middlesex (16)	*4*	*4*	*0*	*0*	*10*	*14*	*88*
Worcs (9)	4	3	1	0	11	16	75
Leics (3)	4	2	1	1	10	15	57
Gloucs (10)	4	2	1	1	10	12	54
Northants (7)	3	2	1	0	4	9	45
Somerset (11)	4	1	2	1	9	11	36
Essex (12)	3	1	1	1	9	9	34
Warwicks (15)	3	1	1	1	6	12	34
Hampshire (5)	3	1	1	1	3	12	31
Sussex (17)	2	1	0	1	6	8	30
Lancashire (2)	3	1	1	1	4	9	29
Derbyshire (6)	3	1	0	2	6	6	28
Surrey (4)	2	1	1	0	2	8	26
Notts (1)	4	0	4	0	5	16	21
Glam (13)	3	0	1	2	10	10	20
Kent (14)	3	0	3	0	5	8	13
Yorkshire (8)	2	0	2	0	2	8	10

1987 positions in brackets

French connection

Gillingham football club have arranged a three-match, pre-season tour to France at the beginning of August.

GOLF

Shapcott the pearl has the glitter to wrest the crown

By John Hennessy

The final of the English Women's Amateur Championship, sponsored by Powakaddy, brings together the two youngest members of the British Isles Curtis Cup team at Little Aston today.

In yesterday's semi-final Susan Shapcott, aged 18, beat Linda Bayman by 2 and 1 and Julie Wade, aged 21, beat another experienced opponent, Angela Uzielli, by 5 and 4.

The championship has brought great satisfaction to the Curtis Cup selectors, since the two English members who have not reached the final were beaten by the two who did, Bayman by Shapcott and, in the third round, Jill Thornhill by Wade.

Wade took such an early grip of yesterday's match against Uzielli, winning the first three holes and going four up at the seventh, that attention was inevitably concentrated on the first semi-final.

Shapcott, the young pearl of the English game, was perhaps a narrow favourite in the semi-final but Bayman, a winner of this title in 1983, has such a formidable reputation that it was bound to be a tense occasion.

There was never more than one hole in it either way until the 14th and even then Bayman immediately pulled her young opponent back to one up at the next before surrendering to birdies at the two *following* holes (allowing Shapcott a five-foot putt on the 17th).

Shapcott, with only an occasional lapse from the path of virtue, was two under par for the holes played, Bayman one over. They turned all square, Shapcott having taken three irritating putts from no great distance at the ninth, after having holed from 20 feet or so for birdies on the two previous holes.

Bayman played three wayward tee shots from the 11th, which put her one down, the first having yielded an unexpected three, whereupon Shapcott, hiding a strong character behind her owlish spectacles, fashioned three superb birdies *in four holes. Her* untidy six at the long 15th, her bogey hole all week, was thus fully redeemed.

Of the two finalists, Shapcott has the greater experience. She was runner-up in this event two years ago and also in the British championship last year, during the course of which she beat Wade by 2 and 1 in the quarter-final.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: S Shapcott (Knowle) bt S Robinson (Heswall), 3 and 1; L Bayman (Berks) bt L Fairclough (Chorley), 3 and 2; J Wade (Felixstowe Ferry) bt J Thornhill (Walton Heath), 5 and 4; A Uzielli (Berkshire) bt S Elliott (Henbury), 3 and 2. Semi-finals: Shapcott bt Bayman, 2 and 1; Wade bt Uzielli, 5 and 4.

Clum hauled back after bright start

By Patricia Davies

After 10 holes of the third round of the British Olivetti tour*nament at Moor Hall yesterday,* Debbie Clum, of the United States, appeared to have everyone else competing for second place. After 18 holes, things looked rather different.

Clum was still out in front but she had Jane Connachan, the defending champion, and Alison Nicholas, the *British Open* champion, with her on 212, seven under par. They both shot 69, while the American had to settle for 73, level par.

Beverley New, of Bristol, was one shot behind on 213 after a round of 70, with Maureen Garner, in whom *The Times* correspondent must declare a sister's interest, on 214, after a 69.

Clum started four shots ahead of the field and, she struck a five iron to the green at the 468-yard first hole and sank the eight-foot putt for an eagle three. New, her playing partner, also had an eagle and on the outward nine, the five players who ended the day at the top of the leaderboard, accumulated 20 birdies and three eagles.On the way home, none of them bettered the par of 35.

Clum, playing in her first European event of the season, dropped a shot at the third but thanks to three successive birdies and turned in 34, four under par for the day and 11 under overall. Nicholas, who had roared out in 33, was her nearest challenger, at eight under. Connachan, out in 34, was seven under and Garner was also seven under, after reaching the turn in 32, despite a bogey five at the ninth. New, out in a relatively modest 35, was six under.

Clum moved further ahead with a birdie three at the 10th but then played a clumsy series of holes. She dropped two shots at the short 11th, where she missed a putt of no more than 15 inches; another shot was lost at the 12th and two more disappeared at the 14th. She finished with four pars and found, to her relief, that everyone else had lost their first-nine shine.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES: (GB and Ireland unless stated): 212: J Connachan 72, 71, 69; A Nicholas 71, 72, 69; D Clum (US) 71, 68, 73. 213: B New 70, 73, 70. 214: M Garner 73, 72, 69. 216: S Strudwick 72, 72, 72; K Douglas 69, 74, 73. 217: K Lunn (Aus) 70, 75, 72; P Conley (US) 71, 72, 74. 218: J Soulsby 73, 75, 70; C Dibnah (Aus) 72, 75, 71. 219: A Munt (Aus) 74, 72, 73. 220: D Reid 77, 72, 71; M Jones (US) 74, 73, 73.

Final hole battle for Anderson

By a Special Correspondent

Fiona Anderson, of Blairgowrie, reached her fourth Scottish women's amateur championship final in eight years when she defeated Catrona Lambert, of *Stirling University,* by one hole in the semi-finals at Southerness yesterday.

Her opponent will be Shirley Lawson, of Eastwood, the sole Scottish Curtis Cup representative who enjoyed a comfortable 4 and 3 victory over Sharon Gallagher, of Peebles.

Anderson is confident of beating Lawson as she has beaten her on the two previous times they have met in the championship. Anderson triumphed in the second round at both Dornoch and St Andrews.

In the morning's quarter-finals Lawson put out Lorna Bennett (Lundin) by two holes and Anderson defeated Tracy *Craik (Frilford Heath), 3 and 2,* before her battle with Lambert went to the final green.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: S Lawson (Eastwood) bt L Bennett (Lundin), 2 holes; S Gallagher (Peebles) bt J Ford (Gullane), at the 20th; C Lambert (Stirling Univ) bt D Jackson (Cochrane Castle), 7 and 5; F Anderson (Blairgowrie) bt T Craik (Frilford Heath) 3 and 2. Semi-finals: Lawson bt Gallagher, 4 and 3; Anderson bt Lambert, 1 hole.

Jacklin to play at Moor Park

Tony Jacklin has confirmed that he will make his comeback to competitive golf in the Wang Four Stars tournament at Moor Park from June 9 to 12. Jacklin, whose wife Vivien died three weeks ago, said: "At first I considered cancelling everything. But then I reckoned it was important in the circumstances to keep busy and not sit at home and brood. So I shall go ahead and play at Moor Park as I planned."

Jacklin will be part of the BBC television commentary team at the PGA Championship at Wentworth next week, when the European Ryder Cup side will be in action. Then he will get down to practice for the Four Stars event.

Jacklin also intends to play in the Bell's Scottish Open.

- Laura Davies, the US Open champion, has entered next month's French and Dutch Open championships. Davies, on her only appearance on the WPG tour, won the Ford Classic at Woburn in April. She then announced that she did not expect to play in Europe before the British Women's Open Championship, which will be staged at Lindrick from July 28 to 31.
- Five former winners of the Amateur Championship will tee up for this year's event at Royal Porthcawl and Pyle and Kenfig from May 30 to June 4: Peter McEvoy, Garth McGimpsey, David Curry, Gordon Clark and Philippe Ploujoux.

Diamond date

The promoters, Ducker and Boocock, will stage a speedway meeting on June 2 to mark the Sheffield Club's diamond jubilee.

EVENING RACING

Fonwell Park

Going: firm

6.15 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Island Pearl (Mr S McKeever, 12-1); 2, Can't Disclose (13-2); 3, Attild (7-2). Tabareek 7-4 fav. 10 ran. 12l, 6l. W Kemp. Tote: £14.00; £2.70; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £25.50. CSF: £82.31. Tricast: £304.22.

6.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Lector (G Bradley, 8-11 fav); 2, Prince Moon (5-2); 3, Donaghmoyne (11-2). 4 ran. NR: The Luckpenny Man. ½l, ½l. D Elsworth. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.88.

Stratford

Going: firm

6.15 (2m hdle) 1, Gold Sceptre (G McCourt, 4-9 fav); 2, Connaught Broads (20-1); 3, Solent Express (15-2). 8 ran. NR: Icaro. 6l, 7l. N Tinkler. Tote: Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £7.70. CSF: £9.70; Tricast: £30.07.

6.45 (2m ch) 1, Sharp Song (M Dwyer, 11-4 fav); 2, Itsgottabealright (5-1); 3, Signalman (3-1). 6 ran. 6l, 2½l. T Fairhurst. Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £2.60. DF: £8.60. CSF: £14.73.

BOWLS

New partner for Souza

A new team competition between pairs representing the United Kingdom and the Rest of the World begins at Worthing tomorrow (Gordon Allan writes). It precedes the main business of the week, the Woolwich Masters singles tournament on Friday.

The old format — eight Masters paired with eight young bowlers — has been replaced because the singles field has been doubled to 16. Each pair will play eight matches, with the players alternating at lead and skip.

George Souza, the joint winner last year, has been paired with Ian Schuback,

TOMORROW'S MATCHES: 10.00 a.m.: D Bryant (Eng) and A Blair (Sco) v P Bellis (NZ) and J Rabkin (Israel); A Allcock (Eng) and S Rees (Wales) v I Schuback (Aus) and G Souza (Hong Kong); W Richards (Eng) and J Baker (Ire) v R Parrella (Aus) and R Brassey (NZ); D Holt (Eng) and W Wood (Sco) v I Dickison (NZ) and R Jonges (Can). 2.30 p.m.: *Wood and Holt v* Souza and Schuback; Baker and Richards v Rabkin and Bellis; Rees and Allcock v Jones and Dickison; Blair and Bryant v Brassey and Parrella.

MOTOR SPORT

Street-wise test in Pau

After the Monaco grand prix on Sunday, the streets of picturesque Pau in the Pyrenees are set for the third round of the FIA European F3000 championship for Monday's French holiday (David Tremayne writes).

Johnny Herbert, of Britain, starts favourite after winning in Spain, but he faces strong opposition. Among the drivers chasing victory is Russell *Spence, the Yorkshireman who* recently switched from the factory Ralt to a Reynard.

- At Brands Hatch, Martin Donnelly and Damon Hill, both *Ralts, seek to put down the* challenge from J. J. Lehto, the Finn who shares the lead of the Lucas British F3 championship with Donnelly.
- Nelson Piquet gave Lotus a shot in the arm in tyre tests at the Paul Ricard circuit. On Sunday the world champion managed only a lap at Monaco, *but he set the fastest time of* 1min 10.3sec on Wednesday, to pip Riccardo Patrese's Williams by half a second.

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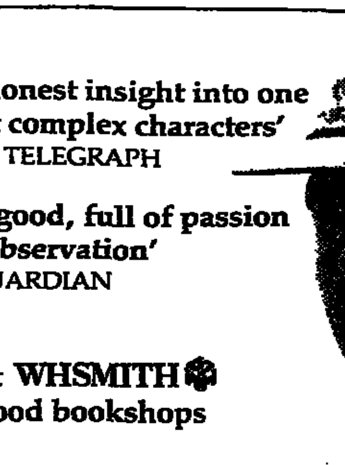

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FOOTBALL

Three-year wait for Cascarino ends with Dublin call-up

By Clive White

Tony Cascarino, of Millwall, was recalled yesterday by the Republic of Ireland after three years' absence — but he will stay only for the weekend. Cascarino, who was not included in the original squad, will play against Poland tomorrow at Lansdowne Road and then fly straight home to join up with his club colleagues at the start of a two-week tour to Barbados.

It would seem that his chances of being included in Jack Charlton's squad of 20 for the European championship next month, depend upon the fitness of Frank Stapleton, who has a hamstring injury which caused him to miss his own testimonial match this week in Dublin. Charlton said yesterday that he would be examining his captain's fitness very closely in the next few days.

John Docherty, the Millwall manager, said that he thought that the best of Cascarino, aged 25, was yet to come. "For a man of his size and weight he's very adept on the ground. He's a late developer. He scored 30 goals for Gillingham in the third division and 23 for us in the second. And he can still improve," he said.

Cascarino, whose 21 League goals helped put Millwall in the first division, will partner Aldridge in attack for the first time. Cascarino, who has three caps to date, was also called up to play against Yugoslavia last month, but his club needed him for their promotion challenge. He returns from the club's tour two days before the Irish depart for West Germany.

Because of the recent discovery of David Kelly, of Walsall, and the absence of Aldridge, the Irish forwards have had little opportunity to get to know one another. Kelly and Aldridge, who will probably start for the Irish against England in Stuttgart on June 3, have yet to play together.

Charlton has been relieved to hear that McCarthy, who had an exploratory operation on his knee this week, will be fit to play against Norway in Oslo on June 1. In his absence McGrath drops back alongside Moran. Peyton, the Republic's reserve goalkeeper, who had to pull out against Yugoslavia because of injury, is given the chance to acquaint himself with the defence.

While midfield is strengthened by the return of the Liverpudlian pair, Sheedy and Whelan, Charlton has chosen to rest Houghton, another Liverpool resident, after his long and successful season. Houghton and one or two others have accepted the offer from Charlton to return home for a few days next week.

Irish team

G Peyton (Bournemouth); C Morris (Celtic), K Moran (Manchester United), P McGrath (Manchester United), C Hughton (Tottenham Hotspur), A Galvin (Sheffield Wednesday), R Whelan (Liverpool), J Sheridan (Leeds United), K Sheedy (Everton), J Aldridge (Liverpool), A Cascarino (Millwall). Substitutes (from): P Bonner (Celtic), J Anderson (Newcastle United), R Houghton (Liverpool), J Byrne (Queen's Park Rangers), N Quinn (Arsenal), L O'Brien (Manchester United), A Grimes (Luton Town), M Kelly (Portsmouth).

Bingham's wait for Whiteside

By George Ace

Norman Whiteside will face a full fitness test before a decision on whether he plays for Northern Ireland today in a Group Six first leg World Cup game against Malta at Windsor Park.

Billy Bingham, the manager, said: "It is not in my nature to take unnecessary gambles. If Whiteside's physiotherapist is satisfied that he is capable of giving 100 per cent then he plays. If there is the slightest doubt he will not even be on the bench."

When Whiteside, who has hip and Achilles tendon troubles, went off against France last month Bingham pulled O'Neill, the Newcastle United winger who had been operating as a twin forward with Clarke, out of the attack to midfield with Quinn coming on.

That is an alternative if Whiteside is declared unfit but Bingham refused to reveal is it was one of his options. "I have several options and that is a rather unusual position.

"All the lads are in great heart, morale is high and I am very optimistic that we will win. We have spent a relaxing week together and there has been some good training sessions."

Kingsley Black, who created such an impression when he came on for the last half hour against France must have the edge to start today with Dennison, who also played well in his international debut last month, on the bench.

Bingham has a settled back four which he is virtually certain to retain. But there is a distinct possibility that Anton Rogan, the Celtic full back, will make an appearance at some stage.

Mackay resigned to losing stars

By Ian Ross

The rigid financial framework limiting the ambitions of Don Mackay at Blackburn Rovers means that Steve Archibald and Ossie Ardilies will not be at Ewood Park next season.

The manager of the second division club whose promotion hopes were dashed in midweek when they were comprehensively beaten by Chelsea in the play-off semi-finals, is now resigned to the imminent departure of both his on-loan internationals.

Archibald is officially on loan from Barcelona until the end of June but is likely to return to Spain within the next few days to take part in a summer tour of South America while Ardiles, the veteran Argentinian, is to return to Tottenham Hotspur in the hope of being offered a coaching post with a first division side.

"There is no need for any more speculation. I have had a long chat with Steve and he will be returning to Barcelona. I really do not know if either of them would have wanted to stay with Blackburn Rovers had we won promotion but we must be realistic because I doubt that we could have afforded them," Mackay said.

"There is absolutely no way that we can compete with the likes of Barcelona and Tottenham. I will not sacrifice Blackburn Rovers for anyone. Both Steve and Ossie are class players but to keep them I would possibly have had to sell four or five men," he added.

Mackay, who could also lose Simon Barker, the England under 21 international, during the close season, admitted that he would not stand in his way if a leading club was to make an acceptable offer. "Tomorrow morning he will receive a letter offering him one of the best deals in the history of this club. He has always intimated that he would like to play in the first division and who can blame him for that? If I was the manager of a first division club I would not hesitate to buy him," Mackay said.

Chesterfield deny fix

The Chesterfield chairman, Barrie Hubbard yesterday dismissed allegations that the club's final match of the season against Fulham was a fix.

A letter from a Fulham supporter printed in Rotherham United's programme on Wednesday night claimed the result was decided beforehand. "That is definitely nonsense," Hubbard said.

Chesterfield won 1-0 to stay in the third division but only after they had missed a first half penalty and Fulham had two men sent off and the assistant manager ordered from the dug out. Rotherham's 2-1 aggregate defeat by Swansea City in the play-offs consigned them to fourth division football.

● Mark Wright has described reports that he wanted to join Glasgow Rangers as "a load of rubbish." The Derby County centre half, who has been kept out of England's game against Scotland today by injury, explained: "I have no intention of going anywhere. What I said was that anybody would be flattered if a club like Rangers made an inquiry about you."

RUGBY LEAGUE

British plans go on ice for steambath struggle

From a Special Correspondent, Port Moresby

Great Britain will have the natural elements, as well as the re-jigged Papua New Guinea side, to contend with in their international here tomorrow.

Temperatures in the high 70s and humidity passing 80 per cent will sap the British players. Special supplies of ice, concentrated fruit juices, and body covers have been available since their arrival. Although Britain have come well through their training sessions, they need all this scientific help.

Martin Offiah, the Widnes wing, has been omitted to protect the strain to his right knee which flared up again in Sunday's premiership final. Also missing is Lee Crooks, the Leeds prop who is still seeking full fitness.

Otherwise, Britain look to have the resources to combat a Papua New Guinea side that has left intact the backs from their European tour in October, but has introduced a generation of forwards, reputed to be faster than their predecessors.

Papua New Guinea's problem as before, when Great Britain beat then 42-0 at Wigan, will be endurance and pressure from their home crowd, while Britain must overcome the steamy heat.

GREAT BRITAIN: P Loughlin (St Helens), P Ford (Bradford Northern), G Schofield, D Stephenson (both Leeds), H Gill, S Edwards, A Gregory (all Wigan), K Ward, K Beardmore (both Castleford), B Case (Wigan), P Medley (Leeds), M Gregory (Warrington), E Hanley (Wigan). Substitutes: D Hulme (Widnes), P Dixon (Halifax).

● Andy Platt, the St Helens forward, was cleared to join the British touring party after a week's intensive treatment on an ankle ligament injury. Tim Deykin, the Stockport physiotherapist, said: "Andy is ready to fly out on Monday."

JUDO

Gordon's success fails to enhance his image

From Nicolas Soames, Pamplona

Elvis Gordon, of Britain, reached the semi-final of the open category on the second day of the European Judo championships here yesterday, winning both his fights. Yet his performance gave little cause for rejoicing.

He was lucky with the draw, having two opponents who were not of a standing to match his status, and yet still he made a song-and-dance of things.

In the first fight against Giorgiadis, of Greece — which has never produced a judoka of note, Gordon was unable to win until Georgiadis retired through injury.

Tolnai, of Hungary, was a more canny opponent, and Gordon started complaining about minor knocks — not the normal image an international judo fighter presents. He won the match with a drop-shoulder throw which showed his natural talent and made a mockery of his antics.

By contrast, Neil Eckersley, the Olympic bantamweight bronze medal-winner, has nothing like Gordon's natural talent, but he knows how to fight. He beat Sedivak, of Czechoslavakia, in a war of attrition.

In his second fight, against Kittinger, of Austria, he recovered well after conceding a waza ari.

The British women's squad had a less happy day, for although the world lightweight bronze medal-winner, Ann Hughes, reached the semi-final, the world featherweight champion, Sharon Rendle, was thrown by Ronkainen, of Finland.

BRITISH RESULTS: Men: open: first round: E Gordon bt A Georgiadis (Gr), waza ari; second round: E Gordon bt L Tolnai (Hun), yuko. Under 71kg: first round: G Edwards bt A Katsiamis (Cyp), ippon. Women: open: first round: I de Kok (Neth) bt Sharon Lee, waza ari. Under 56kg: first round: A Hughes bt P Profanter (Austria), waza ari; second round: A Hughes bt L Zimbaro (It), yuko.

TENNIS

Americans claim final berth

From Richard Evans
Dusseldorf

The Peugeot World Team Cup is one of those events where captains are more in need of calculators than rackets. After five days' play — some of it switched indoors because of Thursday's rain — only the Americans knew their immediate destiny.

They have reached the final. Even Martin Jaite's victory over Tim Mayotte could not prevent the United States from gaining an unassailable lead in the Red Group.

But only the mathematicians amongst the traditionally large crowds at the Rochusclub were quite sure what was going on in the Blue Group where Sweden, Czechoslovakia and West Germany are still technically alive.

However it seems that the Germans will need to beat Spain 3-0 today to keep the lid of the coffin open and even then Sweden would have to discover a way of losing 3-0.

Frenchman to meet Lendl

Paris (Reuter) — Ivan Lendl, the title-holder, has been drawn to meet the Frenchman, Philippe Pech, in the first round of the men's singles for the French Open tennis championships made here yesterday.

DRAW (Seeds only): Men's singles: I Lendl (Cz, 1) v P Pech (Fr); J McEnroe (US, 16) v A Volkov (USSR); A Jarryd (Swe, 10) v J Nystroem (Swe); K Carlsson (Swe, 7) v F Davin (Arg); P Cash (Aus, 4) v J Brown (US); A Chesnokov (USSR, 13) v J Frawley (US); H Leconte (Fr, 11) v qualifier; B Becker (WG, 5) v C Mezzadri (Switz); Y Noah (Fr, 6) v R Osterthun (WG); E Sanchez (Sp, 12) v qualifier; A Gomez (Ec, 13) v U Stenlund (Swe); M Wilander (Swe, 3) v J Cihak (Cz); T Mayotte (US, 8) v qualifier; A Agassi (US, 9) v P Cane (It); G Perez-Roldan (Arg, 15) v A Mancini (Arg); S Edberg (Swe, 2) v K Novacek (Cz). Women's singles: S Graf (WG, 1) v N Guerree (Fr); M-J Fernandez (US, 16) v H Cioffi (US); L McNeil (US, 9) v E Hakami (US); H Mandlikova (Aus, 8) v E Minter (Aus); G Sabatini (Arg, 4) v M Laval (Fr); S Cecchini (It, 14) v K Okamoto (Japan); R Reggi (It, 12) v S Goles (Yug); M Maleeva (Bul, 5) v P Huber (Austria); C Kohde-Kilsch (WG, 7) v A Kanellopoulou (Gr); S Hanika (WG, 15) v C Porwik (WG); K Maleeva (Bul, 11) v C Tanvier (Fr); C Evert (US, 3) v J Wiesner (Austria); H Sukova (Cz, 6) v I Cueto (WG); Z Garrison (US, 10) v B Reha (US); N Zvereva (USSR, 13) v L Golarsa (It); M Navratilova (US, 2) v P Medrado (Br).

Mick Cleary on the stickwork it takes to be a modern hockey Olympian

Shouldering arms: Kerly, hockey sticks aloft, soldiers on for his country with a jolly smile (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Kerly sacrifices all for gold

Hockey is no longer quite so jolly. Gone are the days when it was no more than a Saturday afternoon divot-churning, stick-clashing malarkey in the mud. All good, vigorous, healthy fun washed down by a half of shandy in the ramshackle clubhouse.

Today's top player is a serious, streamlined athlete: all muscle and sinew, whose 70 minutes' worth on fast and furious Astroturf is the end product of an austere regime of twice-a-day training. The epitome of this new breed is Sean Kerly, of England.

Not that he does not enjoy his half of shandy with the rest of them. It is just that the demands of the sport are such that wholehearted endeavour and a bit of fancy stickwork will only get you so far. Kerly wants to get further than that: to Olympic gold. To prepare the way he has just thrown in his job as a merchandise buyer for the clothing company, Next.

To hell with the £57,000 mortgage, the payments on the new washing machine and the threatening pile of bills on the mantlepiece. "My employers — or former employers, as I shall have to get used to saying for the first time in 10 years — weren't prepared to give me the time off I will need over the next four months if I am to be in prime shape for the Seoul Olympics.

"Just to be an Olympian is a phenomenal feeling and I've decided that nothing must hinder my getting there in the first place and then performing to the best of my ability. International hockey is now one hell of a commitment. For example, I'm in Holland this weekend for the European Cup with my club, Southgate, and then off to Malaysia with Great Britain for a fortnight next Thursday.

"On the horizon are incoming tours from Canada and Argentina, sundry tournaments, not to mention squad sessions. In many ways I can understand the company's point of view in that all they're interested in is getting the work done, and if I'm shooting out of the door, hockey stick at the ready, every couple of days, then it's not a particularly efficient way to do business."

The second reason behind Kerly's decision lies gurgling beside him at his recently bought house in Reigate. He would not have seen a lot of the four-month-old Laura in the build-up to the Olympics, particularly if he had had to move the family to Leicester, as the company were demanding.

Playing golf in morning and daddy in afternoon

"They don't see much of me as it is," he says. "So if I wanted to get the pleasure of watching her grow up, it was work or hockey which had to go. Put like that, it wasn't such a difficult decision, although I'm not sure the Abbey National see it that way. It's quite a nice life, really: a spot of training in the morning, then maybe a round of golf, and then play the lovey-dovey daddy in the afternoon. It's also quite a novelty not falling asleep in front of the television in the evenings."

The wry, nonplussed attitude of Kerly, aged 28, belies the mean, predatory instincts which have made him the sport's most prolific goalscorer. He has hit the net 53 times in some 90 appearances for England and Great Britain, including seven in the Los Angeles Olympics, where Britain won an unexpected bronze medal, their first for 32 years.

That success, witnessed by millions on television, put a spring in the rather leisurely, sedate step of hockey. Expectations and demands increased and players were given hefty conditioning schedules and training camps became the norm. Last year's World Cup in London showed the benefits of such a rigorous approach when England finished runners-up to Australia. At what cost, though? Has the gentle charm of the sport given way to a brash, cynical attitude, with success the only yardstick?

"Not really," Kerly insists. "Winning has always been important to me. It doesn't affect the spirit in which I play the game, even though there's more money about these days with the involvement of Lada and, as from next October, Poundstretcher, who will sponsor the National League.

"Hopefully, their money will also be used to generate youth projects, establish coaching schemes and provide all-weather pitches, which we're still rather lacking. They really have revolutionized the game: they've helped it to become a viable spectator sport where the action is non-stop, so enhancing the skill level of everyone."

Who knows what money may bring to hockey. Ten years ago few people would have forecast the snooker-darts-bowls boom, all engendered by television. Maybe one day the sponsorship will be used to pay the mortgages of the Sean Kerlys of the world.

"Perhaps, although I don't think there'll ever be enough cash about for a fully professional game. I think most of us are quite happy as amateurs. The sacrifices we make are because ultimately we get a great deal of personal fulfilment from the sport. Money won't always ensure that."

Southgate fall to Fischer's finishing

From Sydney Friskin
Bloemendaal
The Netherlands

Southgate	**2**
Uhlenhorst	**4**

Southgate's hopes of regaining the European club championship receded yesterday when they were comprehensively beaten by Uhlenhorst of West Germany in their first group match.

After taking an early lead and looking well-balanced for about 15 minutes, Southgate began to slide downhill and by half-time were 3-1 down. The stronger running of the Germans had turned the fortunes of the game.

Southgate's lead was obtained from a short corner in the ninth minute. The ball was cleverly worked towards Dodds, who hit it hard into an empty goal.

But in the nineteenth minute, Uhlenhorst had drawn level, Thomas Brinkmann scoring from a back-pass by Jan Tewes.

Then Fischer's lethal striking of short corners took its toll. He had five shots altogether; one missed the target, another was saved on the line by Shaw and the remaining three hit the back of the boards with tremendous force for a 4-1 lead.

Southgate brought on Welch at the start of the second half in place of Moulton, but the damage by then had already been done. Kerly pulled back a goal from a short corner in the 20th minute of this period and there was a marked improvement in Southgate's approach which brought in three more short corners, but none of them produced another score.

SOUTHGATE: D Owen; M Spray, R Dodds, P Boxell (sub: N Clark), Soma Singh, A Westem, P Moulton (sub: R Welch), J Shaw, D Thomas, S Kerly, S Batchelor.

UHLENHORST: C Moltgen; C Fischer, J Tewes, D Brinkmann, M Siebrecht, W Nonn, H-P Windleder, S Tewes, M Brinkmann, U Oeckinghaus, T Brinkmann.

Umpires: J Gillet (Fr) and F Idenburg (Neth).

● Cookstown, of Northern Ireland, were shaken by two early goals from Dinamo Alma Ata and although the Irish recovered much of their composure they could not break the Soviet hold on the match. Edinburgh Civil Service conceded seven goals without reply to the holders, Bloemendaal, to round off a bad day for British clubs.

RESULTS: Group A: Atletico Tarrassa (Sp) 5, Uccle (Bel) 0; Uhlenhorst (WG) 4, Southgate 2. Group B: Cookstown (N Ire) 0, Dinamo Alma Ata (USSR) 2; Bloemendaal (Neth) 7, Edinburgh Civil Service (Scot) 0.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

TRAMORE: Irish women's closed championship: Second round: J Allen (Royal Portrush) bt S McCarthy (Tralee), 6 and 5; L Bolton (Cairndhu) bt E Hearne (Waterford), 4 and 3; J Berkman (Castletroy) bt D Keenan (Belvoir Park), by 2 holes; D Hanna (Malone) bt R Walsh (Kilkenny), by 2 holes; E R McDaid (Skibbereen) bt C Robinson (Knock), 6 and 5; L Sweeney (County Sligo) bt L Brisley (Bantry Park), at 21st; C Wickham (Laytown and Bettystown) bt Y Cassidy (Dundalk), 3 and 1; E Higgins (Douglas) bt W Naughton (Edmondstown), 2 and 1. Quarter-finals: bolton bt Allen, 4 and 3; Hanna (Malone) bt Barkman, at 21st; McDaid bt Sweeney, 3 and 2; Higgins bt Wickham, 5 and 4.

LOSSIEMOUTH: Clydesdale Bank Northern Open: Second round leaders: 136: D Huish (North Berwick) 76, 70. 138: A Oldcorn (Dalmahoy), 68, 70. 139: S Martin (North Engineering), 70, 69. 140: R Weir (Cowal), 70, 70; W Walker (Bothwell Castle), 68, 72; J King (Worksop) 71, 69. 141: I Young (Scottish Life) 72, 69; J Farmer (J Farmer G&L), 71, 70; M Miller (unattached) 72, 69; G Collinson (Windyhill) 70, 71; J Chillas (Stirling) 69, 72; A Brooks (Carluke) 71, 70.

CANTERBURY: William Lawson Cup: Regional final: 1, D Baxter (West Malling), 64; 2, B Payne (Shoreham) 65; 3, J Wakeman (High Elms), 70. Scratch prize: Baxter, 74.

KINGS ISLAND, Ohio: LPGA tournament (US unless stated): First round: 67: D Massey. 68: A Alcott, S Smyers (Aus), L Walters. 69: S Quinlan. 70: A Benz, M Spencer-Devlin, S Turner. 71: J Stephenson (Aus), C Walker, D White, A Okamoto (Japan). British scores: 77: L Davies, T Johnson.

FORT WORTH, Texas: Colonial national invitational tournament (US unless stated): First round: 67: L Wadkins, S Hoch, C Rose, J Mudd, J Inman. 68: M Calcavecchia, E Fiori, B Gardner. 69: L Trevino, B Crenshaw, S Pate, J Mahaffey, R Black, D Edwards, M Hulbert.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Nottingham: Leicestershire 184 and 138 (P N Hepworth 52, M K Bore 5 for 34); Nottinghamshire 400 for 9 dec. Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 88 runs.

MOTSPUR PARK, Surrey: Tour match: Australia House 200 for 9; Australian Aboriginals 199 for 7. Australia House won by 1 run.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bradfield 156, *Eton 157-3; Clifton 201-4, *Colston's 93 (R Holdsworth 9-52); Enfield Grammar School 105, *Forest 108-2; MCC 173-4, *Brentwood 133-8; MCC 194-6 (D Jones 100 not out), *Durham 195-3; MCC 227-6, *Ipswich 199-5 (A Douglas 104); Monkton Combe 207-8, *Prior Park 103; CMT 187-3, *Merchant Taylors' 160-7; *Royal Wolverhampton 78, Newcastle Under Lyme 80-8; *Shrewsbury 230-5 (M Jones 91, Ellesmere 89; UCS 195-2 (J Ayre 103); *Westminster 187-7 (D Cogan 88); Wellington Somerset 169-8, *King's Bruton 146-4; *Wellsway Keynsham 157-5, Beechen Cliff 138-2.

* denotes home side

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Helsinki: Finland 1, Colombia 3.

ITALIAN CUP: Final, second leg: Torino 2, Sampdoria 1 (Sampdoria win 3-2 on agg).

MILAN: Exhibition match: AC Milan 2, Real Madrid 1.

TABLE TENNIS

ENGLISH RANKINGS: Men: D Douglas (Walsall), 2,755pts; 2, A Cooke (Chesterfield), 2,744; 3, C Prean (Ryde), 2,288; 4, S Andrew (Stratford), 1,663; 5, N Mason (Bexhill), 1,337. Women: 1, A Gordon (Reading), 2,024; 2, L Lomas (Dunstable), 1,592; 3, F Elliott (Wolverhampton), 1,399; 4, J Grundy (Preston), 1,028; 5, A Holt (Ramsbottom), 983.

NIIGATA, Japan: Asian championships: Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: Yoo Nam-kyu and Hyun Jung-hwa (S Korea) bt Lin Wei-chung and Chang Hsu-yu (Taiwan), 21-11, 21-17; Jiang Jialiang and Jiao Zhimin (China) bt Wei Qingguang and Li Huifen (China), 21-14, 22-20. Finals: Yoo and Hyun bt Jiang and Jiao, 21-10, 21-13.

REAL TENNIS

SEACOURT, Hayling Island: Rank Xerox world tournament: Men: Singles: Second round: C Bray (Seacourt) bt K Sheldon (Leamington), 5-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; C Ronaldson (Hampton Court) bt D Johnson (Queen's), 6-1, 6-3, 6-4. Doubles: Second round: W Davies (New York) and L Dewchar (Melbourne) bt J Howell (Bordeaux) and Sheldon, 6-5, 6-0, 6-0. Women: Singles: First round: L Ronaldson w/o K Allen, scr. Second round: A Warren-Piper bt D Barabé, 6-2, 6-2.

BASKETBALL

PESARO: Italian league play-offs: Scavolini Pesaro bt Tracer Milan, 98-87 (Scavolini win best-of-five series 3-1).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-off games: Western Conference: Semi-finals: Dallas Mavericks 108, Denver Nuggets 95 (Dallas win best-of-seven series, 4-2); Utah Jazz 108, Los Angeles Lakers 80 (best-of-seven series level, 3-3).

BILLIARDS

ANTWERP: BCE European championship: Semi-final groups: Group A: N Dagley (Eng) bt I Williamson (Eng), 4-0; R Close (Eng) bt C Everton (Wales), 4-1. Close and Dagley qualify. Group B: R Edmonds (Eng) bt R Foldvari (Aus), 4-3; M Russell (Eng) bt G Cripsey (Eng), 4-0. Russell qualifies.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Swindon 39, Cradley Heath 50; Oxford 45, Wolverhampton 45; Sheffield 46, Kings Lynn 44; Ipswich 46, Bradford 44.

KNOCKOUT CUP: First round, second leg: Middlesbrough 63, Long Eaton 33. Middlesbrough win 108-84 on agg.

TENNIS

GENEVA: Women's tournament: Second round: C Lindqvist (Swe) bt A Villagran (Arg), 6-1, 7-6; B Paulus (Austria) bt N Dias (Br), 6-1, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Lapi (It), 6-3, 6-1; I Budarova (Cz) bt G Miro (Br), 7-5, 6-3; M Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt M J Fernandez (US), 6-6 ret. Quarter-finals: I Demongeot (Fr) bt M Maleeva (Bul), 7-5, 6-4; B Paulus (Austria) bt I Budarova (Cz), 6-2, 6-2.

FLORENCE: City of Florence tournament: Second round: A Mancini (Arg) bt C Minussi (Arg), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; L Duncan (US) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-4, 6-2.

DÜSSELDORF: World team cup: Blue group: Sweden lead Spain, 2-0. Singles (Swedish players first): S Edberg bt E Sanchez, 7-6, 7-5; A Jarryd bt J Sanchez, 6-2, 6-4. West Germany lead Czechoslovakia, 2-0. Singles (WG players first): C-U Steeb bt M Vajda, 6-2, 6-3; E Jelen bt M Srejber, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Doubles matches to be played today.

PARIS: French Open: Selected results: Men: First qualifying round: S Gerard (Fr) bt C Bailey (GB) 6-1, 6-1; N Fulwood (GB) bt J Becka (WG), 6-4, 7-6. Women: First qualifying round: A Tiezzi (Arg) bt T Catlin (GB), 6-7, 6-2, 6-0; R McQuillan (Aus) bt L Gould (GB), 6-3, 6-4.

PADDINGTON: LTA international tournament: Men's singles: Fourth round: S Bale (Middx) bt B Mills (Surrey), 7-6, 6-3; C Clarke (Bucks) bt J Draper (Lancs), 6-3, 6-3; M Blincow (Northants) bt M Syms (Devon), 6-1, 6-1; P Hand (Berks) bt C Craig (Cheshire), 6-3, 6-4; F Maciel (Surrey) bt A Colvin (Middx), 6-0, 6-1; V Ranson (Essex) bt A Moll (Kent), 7-5, 6-2; L Matthews (Hants) bt D Shunn (Herts), 6-2, 6-3; J Turner (Avon) bt A Poole (Oxon), 6-2, 6-1. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: L Weerasekera (Aus) bt J Ebbles (Bucks), 6-1, 6-0; J Philips (Notts) bt L McKechnie (Aus), 6-1, 6-0; J Reeves (Kent) bt A Bishop (Herts), 6-4, 6-4; S Godman (Surrey) bt B Suzan (Middx), 6-4, 6-1.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City Royals 14, Minnesota Twins 1; Cleveland Indians 1, Chicago White Sox 0 (10); 1st-California Angels 2, Baltimore Orioles 1 2nd game 9-6;

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 9, San Diego Padres 4; St Louis Cardinals 5, Chicago Cubs 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Montreal Expos 0.

WATER POLO

PERTH, Australia: Olympic qualifying tournament: Japan 25, Guam 3; Mexico 16, New Zealand 8; China 11, Bulgaria 10; Canada 8, Brazil 7; Hungary 11, Greece 9; Australia 11, France 9.

ATHLETICS

SILKSWORTH: Road-race (10½ km): 1, A Rushmore (Sunderland H), 30min 21sec (course record); 2, G Nagle (Gateshead H), 30:55; 3, M Price (Sunderland H), 30:59. Women: 1, L Harding (Houghton H), 35:36.

EQUESTRIANISM

Dressage win encouraging for Thomson

From Findlay Davidson
Breda

Mary Thomson, who held up proceedings at Badminton on cross-country day when she fell with King Boris at the Normandy Bank and lay unconscious on the course, showed quite clearly that she is none the worse by holding the lead on King Max at the end of the first day of dressage at the three-day event here yesterday.

Her performance, one of the best seen at any three-day event, earned her first place from all three judges, and 36.8 penalties. Sarah Kellard, another of the British international team members, is second with Hello Henry on 45.0 penalties, three points clear of the Australian mount, Whisper II.

POSITIONS (after dressage): 1, M Thomson's King Max (GB), 36.8 penalties; 2, S Kellard's Hello Henry (GB), 45.0; 3, D Green's Whisper II (Aus), 48.0. Other British: 7, A-M Taylor's Tombo, 50.4; 8, M Forster's Tamaloh, 50.8; 15, N Taylor's Last Orders, 55.4.

Oldham's offer

Oldham Rugby League Club have offered their coach, Eric Fitzsimons, a new contract, after he guided the club to the second divison championship and Premiership titles.

Yugoslav signs

Brussels (Reuter) — Ljubomir Radanovic, the captain of the Yugoslavian football team, has signed for the Belgian first division club Standard Liège

TENNIS

Youthful love that fashioned a sport

By David Miller

Sixty years ago today the French tennis championships switched from their original site at Saint Cloud and Stade Roland Garros opened with its first match: the then traditional curtain-raiser over two days between the French and English teams before the event proper began on Monday. It was, coincidentally, the moment that launched internationally the 17-year-old boy who was to become one of the most knowledgeable authorities, and the best friend, the game has perhaps had.

Incidentally, it is quite a year for tennis anniversaries: the hundredth of the Lawn Tennis Association, the 75th of the International Tennis Federation, the fiftieth since Suzanne Lenglen died, the twentieth for open tennis.

Teddy Tinling was a schoolboy with a bronchial weakness who was taken by his mother to the Riviera for the warmth and dry air. At the age of 13 he was given junior membership of the Nice club, and there he saw, and distantly was enraptured by, the legendary Lenglen. Until she died of leukaemia, in 1938, Tinling was a Suzanne groupie: and a youthful umpire, sharp of eye, to whom she became equally addicted.

Pierre Gillou, who was to become president of the International Lawn Tennis Federation (ILTF) — as it then still was — had seen Tinling officiating and invited him to Roland Garros. On the opening day he umpired for Betty Nuthall, the English No. 1, who defeated Jeanne Vaussard, the French No. 2, 6-3, 6-3. The following day Miss Nuthall, playing Marguerite Vroquedis, the French No. 1, and in the process of transferring from traditional women's underarm service to overhead, served 30 double faults . . . and still won.

Time to consider a week of singles

"Marguerite and Tony Wilding, of New Zealand, the Wimbledon champion, were the first 'beautiful people' of tennis," Tinling recalls. "Marguerite played with a careless rapture that was bewildering and quite unmatched."

Tinling has the score-sheet still, with every double-fault marked: and he continued to umpire throughout the championships of 1928 up to the women's quarter-final between Helen Wills and Cilly Aussem. Doubles were played throughout the first week, and singles only from the second weekend. "Something worth thinking about once again," Tinling observes, now the doyen of critics and, for the past 17 years, the director of international liaison for the Virginia Slims circuit of 57 tournaments.

In 1928 he encountered the first electronic scoreboard, a laborious system of clanking, revolving leaves operated by remote control from a knob beside the umpire's chair at Roland Garros: shortly to be improved upon at Wimbledon. French tennis was then in its prime, following the first victory in the Davis Cup the previous year. The stadium was named after a First World War aviator, killed when shot down for the second time, and a close friend of the financier of the new venture.

Lenglen never played at Roland Garros, having turned professional, though her benevolence towards the sickly English boy had helped establish what would be his life's work: including a 45-year spell as fashion couturier and tennis designer with all the controversy of his colourful creations for such high-profile ladies as Maria Bueno and Chris Evert. The V & A honoured him with his own exhibition two years ago.

In 1928, he survived on £1 a week and a gratefully received book of meal tickets from Colin Gregory, captain of the English team and later a Wimbledon chairman.

On one occasion, Tinling loaned 100 francs to Ludwig Salm, an Austrian of renowned ill manner on court. Expressing misgivings about his loan, Tinling was reprimanded by a friend: "Ludi is a gentleman." It was possible in those days for Salm to behave as badly as McEnroe on court yet remain socially acceptable because he was, off court, impeccably behaved. He was said to be on first-name terms with the Pope, his ancestors having been on the crusades.

Paradise for the young Englishman

Those were the days when life was splendid if you were on the right side of the tracks, though Tinling says: "I always wanted to be astride the tracks — because there is such a great appeal on the wrong side."

The Riviera in the Twenties, Paris itself, were paradise for the young Englishman. "Riviera tournaments were in the gardens of luxury hotels," Tinling recalls. "It was the height of the Gatsby era. Laughter was the key, having fun was everything. It seemed that all the women were beautiful and all the men strong and handsome."

Society emerged from the Ritz at midday to watch Suzanne for half-an-hour, then returned for cocktails. French sons called their mothers Madame. When he was 14, Tinling saw Lenglen dancing with Rudolph Valentino. "My son is living in the South of France as a gigolo," his father would bemoan.

His mother, however, found herself equally happy at home there. It was a bad day when the stakes for gambling in the casino were changed from gold coins to plastic chips. She never went back.

Injured Botham likely to be out for rest of season

By Ivo Tennant

Ian Botham, the best known cricketer in the world, is unlikely to play again this season. He will undergo an operation next week to correct a spinal disorder that has troubled him spasmodically since 1981.

He has, though, been told by the surgeon who will carry out the operation that he will be able to play first-class cricket again. "This is the first major injury I have had after 15 seasons in the game so I cannot complain," Botham said before leaving Worcestershire's ground yesterday afternoon. "It does not feel as bad as when I was hit on the head by Andy Roberts when I came into the game."

Botham said he had been playing in pain periodically since 1981 and had had numerous X-rays on his back. On Thursday, when fielding in the slips for Worcestershire in their match against Somerset, he suffered further pain and thought initially that he had sciatica. He left the field. "Within half an hour of sitting down I was totally immobilized. I expect to be in hospital for two to four weeks and there's probably no chance of me playing again this season. But I feel confident I can bounce back next year because this kind of operation has been proven to be successful."

The operation will involve the fusion of two spinal vertebrae. Until he goes into hospital next week, Botham will be in a plaster jacket. The same operation was carried out on Phil Bennett, the Welsh rugby player. He was told at the time, apparently, that he would play no more rugby. Within a year he was representing Wales again.

Duncan Fearnley, Worcestershire's chairman, said: "Being the character he is, I do not think Ian's career will be threatened. The surgeon told him he has a few good years left in him and also said that long-distance walking would be the best remedy he could have to get fit. Fortunately we have a lot of good cover for him at Worcester."

It has been a turbulent year for Botham, who is now 32. He was sacked by Queensland after being convicted of an assault charge, and his charity walk across the Alps was consequently overshadowed. He has also made a poor start to the county championship season, having scored only 18 runs and taken one wicket, and was left out of the England team for the one-day series against West Indies.

Even though his walks for leukaemia research may not have affected his back, there can be little doubt that the number of overs he has bowled down the years have taken their toll. Although an extremely strong man, he is not as supple as he was and the extra weight he has put on since his prime has doubtless put extra pressure on his back.

Whether Botham will play for England again is, at present, a matter for speculation. It is unlikely he will countenance retirement. Even if he does, rest assured that we have not heard the last of him.

United sympathy for a fallen hero

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

He may have temporarily adopted the label of England discard, but Ian Botham is never far from the team in spirit, if not in person. News of his serious condition spread rapidly around Headingley yesterday and the reaction was one of united sadness.

Typically, Botham had put aside his own problems to telephone the England captain, Mike Gatting, yesterday morning. "He did mention his back was giving him trouble but he never said it was this bad," Gatting said. "He actually wanted to say well done to all the lads. It is hard for me to say any more until I know the facts, but it is obviously bad news."

Gatting and Botham have never been the closest of friends but they have great mutual respect; even at a time when many were questioning Botham's future as a top-level cricketer, Gatting was preparing to fight for him in his team, if form warranted it.

Micky Stewart, the team manager, said: "I feel great sympathy and disappointment. I hope Ian can come through this and be available to us again. It is very sad that he will *not* be around this summer because I feel sure he wanted to show people he could do it against the West Indies. He wanted to prove a point or two, which was typical of him."

The possibility that Botham's career may be over was never far from conversation as England practised yesterday. But the general concern was summed up by chairman of selectors Peter May. A man whose outlook on life could hardly be more sharply opposed to Botham's, May nevertheless shares the general admiration for a wonderful cricketer and said: "I just hope the operation is a success and he is soon back playing again."

Confident Gatting has the spring back in his stride

By Alan Lee

In private and in public, Mike Gatting has plainly indicated, these past few days, that he is back on friendly terms with his job as England captain. At this most impressionable stage of the season it is probably the best news our game could receive.

Gatting will today be aiming to oversee a second and decisive win against the West Indies when the Texaco Trophy resumes at Headingley. Wondrous to relate, it is now the result which can be expected rather than prayed for.

Such optimism may initially be difficult to fathom. England, after all, picked a party for this series which filled many of us with dread, while the West Indies, fresh from triumphant escape against Pakistan, began their tour with intimidating relish. One match, however, really can change a great deal and Thursday's events have demanded a re-think, if only in the short term.

The captain must take much of the credit. Gatting now presents a positive and confident front at the head of a team charged with sudden self-belief. This says something about England's mood and rather more about Gatting's character. Not many months ago he might have stepped down without a moment's regret; now, I suspect, he would have to be physically prised out of office.

He is enjoying himself again and transmitting his spirit to the players. They say his pre-series speech at the team dinner on Wednesday night was stirringly good. There is no doubt his men will fight for him and there is little argument that they will serve him splendidly in this specialized form of cricket. The Test series may be very different but the moment must be savoured while we can.

England confirmed at Edgbaston that they are now seriously good at the disciplines of the one-day game. By contrast, the West Indies suggested that limited-overs matches, once their pride and glory, are now something of a tiresome chore to be overcome before the proper cricket begins.

This comes as a surprise in view of their slaughter of both India and Pakistan during winter one-day series. The attitude, however, was transparent in their cricket, and found a bleak confirmation yesterday in the comments of their manager, Jackie Hendriks. "Our main consideration," he said, "is to get players fit and ready for the Tests. We would not risk any player if it might put his Test place in jeopardy."

Rigidly enforcing that policy, the touring team are expected to again omit Desmond Haynes, who has a slight knee injury. They will also not consider the fast bowlers, Patterson and Benjamin, owing to niggling strains, while the rookie of the squad, 20-year-old Bishop, is likely to be kept under wraps rather than exposed to the peculiar pressures of an 11-overs stint.

For rather better reasons, England can also put out the same team which played at Edgbaston. Headingley's reputation as a seam bowler's pitch will discourage any return to the policy of two spinners – and in any event, how could Derek Pringle be omitted after his comprehensive retort to the astonishment which greeted his selection? Pringle's character, too, has come through a severe examination.

Headingley teams

ENGLAND (from): M W Gatting (captain), G A Gooch, B C Broad, C W J Athey, A J Lamb, M A Lynch, P R Downton, J E Emburey, D R Pringle, P A J DeFreitas, N V Radford, G C Small, E E Hemmings, G R Dilley.

WEST INDIES (from): I V A Richards (captain), C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, A L Logie, P J L Dujon, C L Hooper, P V Simmons, K L T Arthurton, R A Harper, M D Marshall, D Williams, W K M Benjamin, C A Walsh, B P Patterson, E L C Ambrose, I R Bishop.

PRIZE-MONEY: Winners of each match (55 overs each side): £4,000; man of the match (each side) £350; man of the series (each side) £500.

TELEVISION TIMES: BBC1 Grandstand: 10.40 a.m. BBC2: 4.35-7.25 p.m.

McColl lives to lead on 62

From Mel Webb
Como

Billy McColl narrowly avoided being killed in a car crash here yesterday. A few hours later the Scot, clammy hands and pounding heart forgotten, wallowed in the unaccustomed luxury of a round of 62, seven under par, which gave him the lead in the delayed first round of the Italian Open golf tournament.

McColl, aged 31, finished 128th in the Order of Merit last year and decided there and then that life on the tour offered about as many long-term prospects as a sailor in the Sahara.

He opted instead for the safety of a job in The Netherlands, where he teaches and holds clinics. This was his first competitive round since the Portuguese Open last November and from the evidence of eight birdies he seems to have learned well from his own teaching.

He almost did not get the chance to find out. With the English player, Denis Durnian, as his passenger, he was moving out of a junction no more than half a mile from the Monticello course here when he was confronted by a rapidly advancing car being driven by a local resident.

All Italians seem to believe they are Riccardo Patrese when they are behind the wheel of a car but this one's skill was up to his ambitions as he somehow missed McColl.

"I thought I was a goner," McColl said. "It was my fault – he couldn't have missed me by more than an inch." Luckily, the Scot was in better driving form off the tee than he had been on the road.

With the course having been shortened by three strokes and 711 yards after the previous days' rain, McColl, starting from the 10th tee, had an immediate birdie, dropped a shot with three putts on the 13th, then played faultlessly for the other 14 holes, birdies at the shortened 14th and the 15th taking him to the turn in 31.

His best golf, though, was saved for his back nine, the more difficult half. Eight-foot putts on the second, sixth and eighth gave him further birdies, a beautifully played bunker shot at the 459-yard fifth produced another while on the ninth, the longest hole on the course, he was on in two, two putts completing an inward half of 31.

McColl leads by two shots from Guiseppe Cali, of Italy, with a group including the Australian, Rodger Davis, and Howard Clark a further shot behind. The tournament favourite, Greg Norman, finished on 69, well off the pace.

A delay of an hour at the start of the day and a further break of two hours caused by thunder, lightning and rain in mid-afternoon has thrown the final shape of this event into confusion.

It could be 54 holes, it could even be 72

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 62: W McColl. 64: G Cali (It). 65: R Davis (Aus), S Tinning (Den), H Clark, C Parry (Aus) and O Eckstein (WG). 66: L Carbonetti (Arg), R Drummond, P Mitchell, F Regard (Fr). 67: R Smith (US), W Riley (Aus), J Heggarty, R Shearer (Aus), D Durnian, S Bennett.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	383	4	10	386	4
2	399	4	11	104	3
3	194	3	12	402	4
4	549	5	13	244	3
5	409	4	14	251	4
6	338	4	15	385	4
7	222	3	16	430	4
8	440	4	17	188	3
9	559	5	18	394	4
Out	3,493	36	In	2,764	33

Total yardage: 6,257 Par: 69

No sitting on the fence from England's forwards preparing to face Scotland at Wembley today: Lineker (left) and Barnes take a breather from training at Bisham Abbey (photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Wembley operation launched

By Steve Acteson

The police and British Transport Police (BTP) have launched an operation, stretching from Inverness to Wembley, to try to prevent trouble, before, during and after the Rous Cup match between England and Scotland today.

The supporters from Scotland and the North of England will be taken on 11 special football trains and all British Rail retail outlets along those routes that normally dispense alcohol, both on trains and at stations, were closed from 2.00 p.m. yesterday and will remain shut until 7.00 p.m. tomorrow.

Around 63,000 supporters are expected at Wembley – roughly two-thirds full – at a match that used to be guaranteed a full house. No tickets will be sold today, but neither the Metropolitan Police nor BTP are taking any chances on being caught out by a larger than expected attendance.

In London 1,000 officers will be on duty around Wembley stadium today and a heavy police presence will be kept in London all weekend.

The courts will be open today to deal with misbehaviour and a police spokesman said: "Anyone gaoled on Saturday night could find himself in a police cell until Monday morning. Our policy will be firm but fair. Any obvious drunks will be detained and cautioned but are likely only to be charged and sent before the courts if they are violent or abusive.

"Others may find that between being arrested and cautioned they may well miss the match so getting drunk before the match is not a good idea."

The first of the 800 transport officers to be involved in the nationwide operation commenced duty on Thursday night as Scots and English supporters began to drift south. All BTP leave has been cancelled until Monday.

A total of 400 BTP officers will be on duty in London and a further 200 will escort the travelling supporters on trains and will be put up at a Paddington hotel at a cost of £5,000.

Chance for England to recapture flair of old

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

England are to rekindle the flame that was lit six months ago in Belgrade. The side which finished the qualifying competition as the joint favourites for the European title will, with the exception of Butcher, today start the final preparations for the championship in West Germany next month.

The visit of Scotland has provided Bobby Robson with the most appropriate of dress rehearsals. The traditional warfare that is about to be waged at Wembley will closely resemble the domestic battle against the Republic of Ireland in the opening first round tie on June 12.

Should England triumph, and especially if they reproduce the inspired form and the ruthless attitude that carried them to a 4-1 victory in Yugoslavia last November, Robson will be more than tempted to retain all of his chosen men.

Four, in particular, are competing for positions in the starting line-up. Adams, so uncertain recently, is in by default. Had Wright not strained a calf muscle, the Derby County player would have been partnering Watson instead of completing his recuperation. Yet little light is likely to be shed on the defensive area that represents Robson's central question.

Scotland's attack is so meagre that it scarcely deserves to be regarded as second rate. Restricted by Malta to a lone goal earlier this year and held at home by Colombia on Tuesday, it was not sharp enough to pierce even the most helpless victims in Europe, Luxembourg, in December.

To weaken the threat still further, neither Johnston nor McCoist in particular are certain to have recovered from the wounds that were inflicted on them by the Colombians. Andy Roxburgh will not reveal his team until they and MacLeod have proved their fitness. McCoist is to be tested at Wembley itself.

Scotland's defensive shield has protected them in such potentially dangerous places as Bulgaria and Spain. Having conceded a mere seven goals in 15 fixtures under Roxburgh, they are unbeaten this season.

England could win by a wide margin if Steven and Webb take the opportunity to convince Robson that they should stay permanently in his midfield plans. If not, the fixture could be about as attractive and as open as the FA Cup final, a dull affair that was almost devoid of quality.

Waddle's contribution at Anfield on Monday, which included a stunning goal, indicated that his recovery from illness is complete. He could yet replace Steven and, with Barnes on the other flank, lift England high on the wings of adventure. Such a formation, though inherently risky, remains enormously appealing.

It would be dependent upon a solid combination in the middle. McMahon, during his debut in Israel and once he had become accustomed to accompanying Bryan Robson in Budapest, has already suggested that he might be the most reliable foil should England's captain fill a midfield role rather than the worrying void at the back.

England's principle fear is the possibility of injury. The Scots, who will be clinging onto a sequence of eight games without defeat and the slim chance of collecting the Rous Cup, will be nothing if not rugged.

Today's teams

ENGLAND: P Shilton (Derby County); G Stevens (Everton), D Watson (Everton), A Adams (Arsenal), K Sansom (Arsenal), T Steven (Everton), N Webb (Nottingham Forest), B Robson (Manchester United), J Barnes (Liverpool), G Lineker (Barcelona), P Beardsley (Liverpool). Substitutes: C Woods (Rangers), V Anderson (Manchester United), S McMahon (Liverpool), C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur), M Harford (Luton Town).

SCOTLAND (probable): J Leighton (Manchester United), R Gough (Rangers), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), S Nicol (Liverpool), R Aitken (Celtic), P McStay (Celtic), N Simpson (Aberdeen), M McLeod (Borussia Dortmund) (Celtic), M Johnston (Nantes), A McCoist (Rangers).

Scots promise to provide passion

By Roddy Forsyth

Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, concedes that his side will start as underdogs against England this afternoon, but he believes the Scots will not be short of the ingredient they traditionally add to the annual meeting of the oldest footballing rivals in the world.

"Passion is part of our make-up in this fixture. We have a squad of players, every one of whom is desperate to play at Wembley and they have all been down here as supporters", he said.

The forwards, McCoist and Johnston, and the midfield player, McLeod, are still recovering from injuries sustained in Tuesday's encounter with Colombia. Yesterday, the two forwards took part in only light training while McLeod confined his activity to stretching. McCoist and Johnston are likely to be available but McLeod may be replaced by his former Celtic colleague, Burns.

McStay suffered a nasty stomach upset on Thursday night but insisted he could take part in the morning workout at Wembley.

McStay will require all his energy to cope with the Wembley turf, which Roxburgh has pronounced as perfect, as well as English attempts to contain him. His club colleague, Roy Aitken, who captains Scotland today, said: "We don't have to be motivated because this is a game we have all anticipated. We want to get in about the English and if there is tension in our camp I don't think that will harm us at all."

Wimbledon face FA action

By Dennis Signy

Despite protestations by the Wimbledon players who took down their shorts and bared their backsides to the crowd this week, that it was lighthearted fun in the context of a testimonial match, the Football Association is taking the matter seriously.

A charge of bringing the game into disrepute is likely to be levelled at the club following the incident, in front of 7,100 spectators, during a testimonial match for Alan Cork on Monday. Adrian Cook, the Wimbledon secretary, admitted yesterday that a representative of the FA disciplinary committee had contacted him about a picture of the incident in a national newspaper and he was expecting a letter to follow.

A spokesman at Lancaster Gate said that Les Mackay, the disciplinary committee chairman, had investigated the matter and it was being pursued by the committee.

Criticism of the players lining up in the centre circle and lowering their shorts while they bowed to the crowd has come from Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, who said that while he was trying to raise standards in the game this was another example of the "yobbish" way of life today.

Official support for police

Graham Kelly, the secretary of the Football League, wants the police to be granted any extra resources that they may need to ensure that undercover operations against the hooligan element both continue and succeed (Steve Acteson writes).

Despite the collapse of prosecutions firstly against West Ham and then Chelsea supporters over the past nine days, League officials have lost confidence neither in the police nor over the prospects of English clubs being readmitted to the European arena in the near future.

It is known that the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, has been disappointed by the failure of the prosecutions, but regards it as a hiccup rather than a major set-back. He would certainly give his full support if it is decided to continue the covert operations after the forthcoming re-examination of all Metropolitan Police investigations into football hooliganism which has been ordered by the commissioner, Peter Imbert. Kelly also supports their continuation, saying: "They are absolutely essential."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Parrott's parting

Barry Hearn last night refused to say whether he would add John Parrott, the world No. 7, to his Matchroom snooker stable. Parrott last night "amicably" parted company with the Framework Organisation, which is headed by Hearn's rival, Howard Kruger.

Although his long-time associate, Phil Miller becomes Parrott's full-time manager, the player will take part in Hearn's Hong Kong Masters tournament from August 3 to 7, and it seems to be only a matter of time before he joins such players as Steve Davis and Jimmy White in the Hearn camp.

Parrott: left Kruger's camp

Flying south

Andy Platt, the St Helens forward who has been under treatment for an ankle injury, was yesterday passed fit to join the touring Great Britain Rugby League squad and will fly to Australia on Monday.

Wait lifted

Lausanne, Switzerland (AP) – The International Olympic Committee anounced yesterday that Bulgaria has agreed to let Naim Suleymanoglu, the weightlifter who defected to Turkey in 1986, to compete for his new homeland at the Seoul Olympics.

Durie called

Jo Durie, of Britain, replaces Etsuko Inoue, who has withdrawn, in the French Open tennis event next week.

Top ranked

Desmond Douglas, who lost his national title in February, retains his No. 1 spot in the English table tennis rankings. Alison Gordon heads the women's list.

END COLUMN

Defence for an attacked game

By Simon Barnes

We are bang in the middle of the one-day cricket internationals, which means that there will be a good few people going about saying "humph!". People, and particularly cricket people, tend to fall over themselves to disparage the one-day game.

Not me. I love the stuff. I think one-day cricket is a great game. I have scarcely seen a ball bowled this season, so for me, this, the beginning of the international season, was a treat. As a matter of fact, I tried to ignore it and get on with my work, but the lure of Richie Benaud and the lads tempted me from my desk, and I was lost.

I am off to Leeds today for part two, and I am looking forward to it; weather permitting, I know my chances of seeing a cheering and exciting game are pretty high.

Throughout the world, the one-day game is growing apace. More and more games are scheduled, to the increasing despair of the traditionalists. My many-splendoured colleague, John Woodcock, summed up this dismay for all-time when he wrote in Wisden one year: "Unless we are very careful, the one-day international will drive out the Test match even in India, as inexorably as the grey squirrel drove out the red."

Professional game would be extinct

However, I do not think I am exaggerating when I say that were it not for the invention of one-day cricket, English professional cricket would be in some trouble. In fact, it would be extinct. The decline of interest in the game, at county and at international level, was in full swing, and professional sports are always at the mercy of the neo-Darwinian forces of economics.

But cricket adapted, and survived. Television reinvented the one-day format of the northern leagues, gave us the International Cavaliers playing new-fangled one-day cricket and cricket's survival was assured, though for sure, cricket was never the same again.

There is a silly misunderstanding of Darwin's "survival of the fittest." "Fittest" does not mean the most ferociously vigorous, but the most apt, the most appropriate. One-day cricket just happens to be appropriate for the time.

Television has changed every sport it has touched. One may regret this – indeed, one may regret the passing of *Homo erectus*, but there is no putting these processes into reverse.

And should we really wish to? I really do not think that one-day cricket deserves its bad reputation. It is, regularly, an enthralling game. True, I would not wish to go to every one-day game England play in a year; I think I would go insane.

Certain of a grand day of cricket

But speaking as a spectator, I know a one-dayer will give me a grand day of sport. A Test match could provide an even better day – but could equally easily provide a slow, depressing and inconclusive day.

And for that matter, not everybody would wish to spend 25 days at the Tests this summer. There will still be huge interest in every game; the narrative of a five-day Test, the constant need to be updated, as one gets on with normal life, gives a splendid pattern to the summer.

But it is certainly not necessary to be there at a Test match to be involved. It does not work the same with one-day cricket. Those who schedule the games have noticed this.

I am inclined towards the heresy that seven-a-side rugby is better than the 15-man game: I shall not go as far here. The relentless, grinding drama of a great Test match is something no other sport can match. But the one-day game has many vast and splendid charms; that is why the game is so popular. That is something that should make cricket people, as well as ticket-sellers and television people, cheer.

So let us not be snobbish about the one-day game. Professional sport needs an audience if it is to exist; it was the one-day game that saved professional cricket. And furthermore, one-day cricket happens to be a perfectly splendid game in its own right.

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